

**Town of Hooksett
Town Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 23, 2023**

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The Hooksett Town Council met on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:00 in the Hooksett Municipal Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tsantoulis called the meeting of 23 Aug 2023 to order at 6:01 pm.

2. PROOF OF POSTING

Town Administrator, Andre Garron, provided proof of posting.

3. ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Councilor James Sullivan, Councilor John Durand, Councilor Randall Lapierre, Councilor David Boutin, Councilor Timothy Tsantoulis, Councilor Jodi Pinard, and Councilor Alex Walczyk

Absent: Councilor Keith Judge

Councilor Roger Duhaime (arrived at 6:39 PM)

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. AGENDA OVERVIEW

D. Boutin: The goal of the consent agenda session is to address small donations. There are five in this agenda. We should have a one line item for small donations received instead of all individually.

T. Tsantoulis: We have not adopted that and we will not adopt it because the manner presented is not correct. For this evening and until we adopt any new policy they will all be handled as one if the council so desires.

D. Boutin: Are we going to move forward with it being as one item on the agenda?

T. Tsantoulis: We need to get clarification on that.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Open Public hearing to obtain comments regarding the retention or sale of 17 town owned properties (see new business item 14.4)

Robert Lind (9 Doris Drive): Map 27-114-6 and Map 26-114-17 are proposed lots for sale. In 1990 or 1991 when the development was built they made many wetland violations. Those lots were deeded to the state as some kind of penalty. How did the town acquire them? What is going to happen to the water from Whitehall Terrace that comes right toward us? What are you

47 going to do with this land? One of the lots is 12-16' down from the road. If you walk into the
48 woods of the lot across from me it drops 12' down and it is wet. Why wouldn't we just leave
49 them the way they are? If we have a public auction or bidding process that does not concern
50 me but someone will want to build a mc'mansion that will diminish the whole street. We have
51 1990 style capes and colonials.

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53 A. Garron: The way all of the lots made this list is by taxes not being paid. There has been a
54 program to look at the parcels as tax deeded parcels and to move them back on the tax roles.
55 We send these out to departments and land use boards and see if there is a need for these
56 parcels. Internally there was no public use to be made of these parcels. We sold eight lots
57 during the first phase. Those were sold off and we are looking to do the same here.

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59 R. Lind: We have a wetlands issue and without a wetlands study how this will affect property
60 downstream. There was a culvert put in by Kmart and Merchants. During the last rain storm
61 our street did not flood but the culvert did. If we block water any more than what we can handle
62 what will happen with this water? Just to put it on the tax rolls does not make sense to me.

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64 A. Garron: Are you saying these two lots act as a drainage way for the rest of the
65 neighborhood?

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67 R. Lind: Yes. One is a swamp and one is a culvert that drains into a wetland area. If you block
68 that culvert where will the water go? Coming down from Whitehall Terrace they built a stream
69 to build the houses and diverted the water. How will we mitigate the water? There has to be a
70 wetlands study for mitigation.

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72 T. Tsantoulis: Part of the reason Hooksett is having this hearing is to find issues that may
73 have been missed. Our different departments will review that information. This is a fact finding
74 mission. Items may come before us that will let us know we cannot put those lots on the list.
75 We are trying to shed these properties if it is realistic and can happen. If it cannot happen it
76 won't.

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78 R. Lind: This is a simple question of water mitigation.

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80 T. Tsantoulis: Thank you for the information.

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82 Luis Amadeo (6 Doris Drive): I am an abutter to the property on Map 26-114-17. I do not think
83 you can sell that property. The State of NH sued that developer in 1992. There was a
84 settlement that those two lots would be conservation lots deeded to the State of NH and kept
85 as conservation lots for the time being. There is an issue of wetlands and impact to our
86 properties if anything is built and an issue if you have the authority to put those lots for sale.

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88 T. Tsantoulis: That is the reason we are having the public input.

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90 D. Boutin: It seems as if we are putting the cart before the horse. We have the information on
91 the lots and it seems to me the appropriate way to move forward is to have someone in town
92 prepare a briefing on each lot and make a recommendation on what should be done with it.

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94 T. Tsantoulis: Part of the process is to learn those types of issues.

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96 D. Boutin: We do not have any information in front of us and we are asked to do something on
97 this.
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99 A. Garron: In your packet you have a deed and map of where the property is. If this is state
100 owned property I am surprised it did not show up in the deed.
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102 L. Amadeo: The settlement was signed in 1992.
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104 Discussion ensued between D. Boutin and T. Tsantoulis regarding the process of gathering
105 information regarding the properties.
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107 J. Sullivan: If you look on pg. 9 of the packet there is an eight step process. At this point we
108 should continue with the public hearing to gather information. If we proceed to auction there
109 would still need to be wetland permits in order to build.
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111 R. Lind: Can we have the public speak about the parcels they came to speak about.
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113 L. Amadeo added a detailed explanation of his statements and recollection of the two lots into
114 the record.
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116 L. Amadeo: What would be your next steps after this?
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118 T. Tsantoulis: At any meeting we have there is an opportunity for the public to speak. This
119 process is in the beginning stages. At any step along the way the members of the public are
120 welcome to speak.
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122 A. Walczyk explained the process and next steps.
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124 ***D. Boutin motioned to put a subcommittee together to review the properties.***
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126 R. Lind: We have been through this process once. That auction went off without a hitch and
127 we got feedback. We amended the list and everyone was happy with the results.
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129 Nancy House (7 Doris Drive): I abut 5 Doris Drive. We moved to the house in 1997. The
130 house was built in 1992. They moved because they could not build a garage due to the
131 wetlands. This has a culvert and gets wet every spring. Our backyard floods and there is a
132 pond. This year for the first time we got water in our basement. It is a concern for us. I would
133 like to see it as conservation.
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135 T. Tsantoulis: The fact that some of these properties may be offered does not mean they will
136 be built on or are even buildable. Someone could buy the land just to make their property
137 bigger.
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139 R. Lind: The last time we did the auction we did it without a reserve. Sometimes if no one
140 wants it you can buy it for \$5 or \$10.
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142 Lorraine Nault (16 Harvest Drive): My property abuts 16 Monroe Dr. We are supposed to be
143 on a corner lot and there was supposed to be a street from Harvest to Monroe. What are you
144 going to do with this property?
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146 T. Tsantoulis: The properties are being considered. If we find just cause to sell them we will. A
147 lot of the properties are not big enough to be built on.
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149 R. Lind: The property you are talking about is a 10th of an acre. This looks like if the residents
150 at Monroe Dr. mowed the lawn it could be there's.
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152 J. Sullivan: The frontage is less than 25' and the building codes would not allow building
153 without a variance.
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155 A. Garron: It would have to be built to town standards and maintained according to the
156 building code.
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158 Lon Sevigny (14 Monroe Drive): Regarding 16 Monroe Dr., I want to confirm that adverse
159 possession might be a possibility as the person that has lived there since 1968 has been
160 maintaining it since it has been there.
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162 Jason Spencer (564 Arah Street): Map 46, Lot 28 has no frontage on Arah St. It is a pit for
163 runoff. There is no value in selling that and it would be almost impossible to put a dwelling on it
164 and would have frontage to either road.
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166 T. Tsantoulis: That information is helpful and we owe it the residents to have them heard.
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168 Donna Plante (148 Bicentennial Drive): I sub-divided and sold six weeks ago. This does not
169 have an address. Is there is question on 148 Bicentennial? This is all in process of being a
170 new deed.
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172 T. Tsantoulis: You are getting a notice because you abut the property.
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174 A. Garron: Whatever parcels of land that remain on this list that go to auction we will notice
175 people again to come to the auction. This process originated three town administrators ago.
176 There are parcels that were derived from people who did not pay their taxes and we are trying
177 to get them back on the tax rolls.
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179 Alec Derian (11 Harmony Lane): I would not like to see it sold or developed. If it is to be sold
180 there is a development issue because it is swampy. I wonder if there could be an opportunity
181 for the folks on Harmony to purchase that parcel collectively in order to retain the integrity of
182 that community and development and the town would get their tax money.
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184 T. Tsantoulis: I do not know how to do that but that possibility may exist.
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186 A. Derian: How would I pursue that effort?
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188 A. Garron: We opted to go through an auction process. At that process you would have to be
189 the successful bidder. Either way it is a competitive process.

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191 A. Derian: Would the town be amenable to organizing it so the sub-division can purchase it?
192 You would leave it up to the neighborhood to bid on it. I think there would have to be some
193 documentation.

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195 R. Duhaime: I would love to see a park in that area. Maybe a walking path. It doesn't have to
196 be sold.

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198 **7. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

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200 Hooksett Municipal Employee - New Hire

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202 D. Fitzpatrick: A full time laborer, member of the library staff, and 3 firefighters have been
203 hired.

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205 **8. PUBLIC INPUT - 15 MINUTES**

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207 Robert Lind: Thank you for listening. It is appreciated that you sent the notices out. Thank you
208 for letting the public have an input.

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210 **9. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

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212 **9.1 NHDOT - Continuation from 7/26/23 Meeting for more information on Donati** 213 **Drive Bridge work in 2024**

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215 David L. Scott, PE showed the link to the former presentation. He also presented slides and
216 discussed the project location, bridge preservation work, existing bridge details, purpose and
217 need, maintenance of traffic - phase 1, maintenance of traffic - phase 2, close bridge and
218 detour traffic (options 1 and 2), schedule and construction cost. He stated that he reached out
219 to SNHU, Underhill and the Derryfield School and they have no objections. An issue came
220 from public works directors regarding Friday closures that would add 15 minutes to trash
221 collection. The fire department, Crown Trophy, and the Smoke Shop are not concerned about
222 the closure.

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224 J. Sullivan: This was discussed at the school district meeting and Underhill would meet their
225 needs either way.

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227 R. Duhaime: If we shut it down and there was a savings what would the state do with the
228 savings?

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230 D. Scott: Invest in other projects.

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232 R. Duhaime: Would the money savings go to Hooksett?

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234 D. Scott: It would go to the rest of the state.

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236 A. Garron: Given your timeframe of April to October, the town has the Martins Ferry Project. If
237 that happens at the same time that could impact whether this is phased or shut down.

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239 T. Tsantoulis: When you came here the first time the council asked that you come back with a
240 closure plan. It became more obvious that not closing the bridge would be more beneficial to
241 us as there is going to be other work going on.

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243 D. Scott: If that project is going on it is valid to put in the two phases of construction.

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245 ***J. Sullivan motioned to approve the DOT project for the Donati bridge and require that it***
246 ***be a 2 phase process with no closure. Seconded by D. Boutin. Based on additional***
247 ***information on the other project and on Martins Ferry Road and cannot be directed***
248 ***solely to Hooksett and there is no concern by anyone this would be the prudent way to***
249 ***go.***

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251 J. Durand: What would the time frame be?

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253 D. Boutin: We have to let the contractor know how he is going to bid so we need to know
254 today.

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256 **Roll Call Vote #2**
257 ***R. Duhaime - No***
258 ***J. Durand - No***
259 ***D. Boutin - Yes***
260 ***R. Lapierre - Yes***
261 ***A. Walczyk - Yes***
262 ***J. Pinard - Yes***
263 ***K. Judge - NP***
264 ***J. Sullivan - Yes***
265 ***T. Tsantoulis - Yes***

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267 **Vote in favor 6-2.**

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269 D. Scott: Regarding a municipal agreement, there are some communities that have local laws
270 on the books that they need to provide police presence. State authority allows us to maintain
271 traffic control and we would like an authorization signed that the state is able to maintain traffic
272 control.

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274 T. Tsantoulis: We do not have any restrictions.

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276 D. Scott: Can I reach out to the town administrator for a signature on the agreement?

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278 T. Tsantoulis: Yes.

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280 **9.2 Jude Nuru and Dan Weeks, ReVision Energy - Present Options for Solar**
281 **Array at landfill site.**

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283 A. Garron: In July we selected ReVision Energy as our consultant on this project. As was
284 stated they would come before Council in accordance with the RFP to give us options as to
285 how to proceed. Their presentation is geared toward a purchase or lease agreement.
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287 Dan Weeks (Vice-President and Co-owner of ReVision Energy): It is an honor to be here. We
288 think this is a promising opportunity to the town to save taxpayers money, provide savings to
289 the town and schools, and to put underutilized land to good use. ReVision Energy has 400
290 employees, is employee owned and I have been doing this for 20 years.
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292 J. Nuru: I have been doing this since 2020. Our focus is to help low to moderate income
293 communities' access clean energy. The topography of the landfill has to be in compliance with
294 DES. We determined the southern part is the most ideal location. Based on DES requirements
295 the western area is narrow and not a good location. We have a design type with a engineer's
296 rendering for this to be 1.34 MW with 2304 panels and 16 inverters that tap the energy from
297 the sunlight.
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299 R. Lapierre: No grading?
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301 D. Weeks: Regrading is not an option due to the regulations of the landfill.
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303 J. Nuru gave an overview of the solar annual production report, operations and maintenance,
304 performance package, and solar financial overview (direct ownership - investment
305 summary/project savings/revenue).
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307 R. Duhaime: What are sources of system loss?
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309 J. Nuru: Soiling - pollen, snow, or dirt sitting on the panels can reduce energy production and
310 Radiance - not good sun.
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312 D. Weeks: Clipping is the couple of hours under optimal conditions when the converters will
313 exceed what can be delivered to the grid.
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315 R. Duhaime: Wastewater treatments system works well. How will this be with electricity?
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317 D. Weeks: That array has produced at a high level. In that case the power is being largely
318 consumed behind the meter. This would be different because there is little electric
319 consumption at the facility. It is undersized and we are proposing to install a new service
320 where we install the system required to interconnect. Eversource would install a new service
321 meter. 100% is sold directly to the grid and 100% has to be paid to the Town of Hooksett for
322 the generation. It would give useful optionality.
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324 A. Walczyk: The town would be able to power all of its' buildings as well as the school
325 system?
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327 D. Weeks: Yes.
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329 T. Tsantoulis: The Town of Hooksett uses a certain amount of electricity a year. Whether or
330 not the solar array produces the same amount we use, there are still other components for
331 utility bills that are responsible for those other charges?

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333 D. Weeks: Correct.

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335 T. Tsantoulis: Who pays up front for the Eversource interconnection and build isolation
336 devices?

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338 D. Weeks: We have carried placeholder values for what we think those costs would be. It is
339 unlikely the cost will be in excess of what we are presenting. The final number is at least six
340 months down the road.

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342 T. Tsantoulis: What kind of equity do you think Eversource would want?

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344 D. Weeks: A re-closure on the site at POI and transformer at POI. Most of our systems do not
345 require a truck roll. When the grid goes down the system has to go down for safety. Power
346 outages have been less frequent over time. We have been monitoring the hosting capacity
347 map and this is in a good location and relatively low cost based on the information we have
348 now.

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350 J. Nuru discussed the Solar Financing Overview (Challenge: Restricted Incentives/Solution:
351 Power Purchase Agreement), Solar PPA Structure (ReVision Impact Investor/Host
352 Organization), and Solar Financial Overview (PPA Financial Summary/PPA Project
353 Savings/Revenue).

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355 D. Weeks gave a summary of the PPA option.

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357 A. Walczyk: Options are PPA and outright purchase. You are also suggesting a combination
358 of both PPA with the option to buy before the five years. The Town of Hooksett would have to
359 go to the voters to purchase the solar system. If we go with the PPA and clause option this
360 would give voters the option to buy the system outright while still allowing us to move forward
361 with the project sooner rather than later. We would not have to wait until March to get the
362 project started. I think we are at the cusp of hitting a saturation point.

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364 D. Weeks: There is sufficient hosting capacity with House Bill 281 which expands solar. We
365 are seeing a lot of other companies come into state and see the potential for developing larger
366 projects. We are seeing sub-station areas start to fill up which could prevent this project from
367 having the ability to interconnect.

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369 T. Tsantoulis: How long is the period of time to opt into purchase? Are we looking at next
370 spring or this time next summer?

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372 D. Weeks: The notice to proceed is the point of getting the permits and the interconnection
373 agreement. That is taking at least a year on these big projects. We think the PPA with the
374 clause would guarantee the town could switch from the PPA to the turnkey. At the time of the
375 notice to proceed you have to lock into which way you would be going. We are comfortable
376 with a year and potentially more.

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378 J. Nuru: This an opportunity for community engagement where there would be leaders in the
379 state to showcase the project in the Town of Hooksett. ReVison energy could potentially put in
380 an EV charging station.

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382 D. Weeks: SAU would not have to change anything about their energy, just assigning their
383 load. Having them engaged is exciting to us because we want to add more educational
384 offerings with the schools and jobs for electricians.

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386 J. Sullivan: Are we voting on this tonight?

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388 T. Tsantoulis: I think this is a lot of information to digest and I think this should be scheduled
389 as an agenda item for a later date.

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391 J. Durand: Where we would like an EV charging station for free?

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393 D. Weeks: We would like to offer a mounted EV station for free.

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395 R. Duhaime: Is there any risk?

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397 D. Weeks: The worst case scenario is one where there is another recession and electricity
398 and metering rates plummet. It is possible that for a period of time the amount Eversource
399 pays back to the town could be lower. We take a running average and use the federal
400 government's inflation for electricity. The protection against the worst case is that under PPA
401 you have the opportunity to buy it out. Once you buy it the cost of energy produced is in the
402 low single digits. The average for Eversource is 18 cents. The amount of diligence this town
403 has given is impressive.

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405 **9.3 Heritage Commission - Light Up The Village 2023**

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407 Tony Lacasse (Chair of Heritage Commission): Andrea Therrian who is a member of the
408 Heritage Commission is here with me. We are here to request ARPA funds for the initial
409 purchase of the lights for the Lilac Bridge for this year. Based on the proposal there are two
410 options: 1) Traditional static white lights which are the same that were used last year with a
411 purchase price of \$8,500 or a lease option of \$7,500. J. Paquin is able to provide a steep
412 discount for the purchase.

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414 Jeff Paquin (New England Holiday Light Company): We are in business for this long term and
415 kudos to the team that put this together last year. As a business owner I make more money if
416 you continue to lease but I would rather see the success of this long term. There are options
417 between the static white light and there are color changing options as well.

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419 T. Lacasse: With regard to ARPA funds vs. budget requests, we are requesting ARPS funds
420 because Leslie Madison reached out to the town councilors who suggested to come to Council
421 to request the funds. The Heritage Commission's recommendation is to purchase rather than
422 lease. There is a massive savings to the town to purchase rather than lease.

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424 J. Paquin: One option is to have the soft white color and solid colors that can change which
425 would give the ability to capture fun seasons. Halloween mode is purple and orange with
426 effects, harvest mode is yellow, orange, and red, Christmas has blue, white, reds and greens,
427 New Year's would be yellow and white with flash, and there are options for Valentine's and St.
428 Patrick's Day. In person events can be tied in. We do not want you to decide to purchase soft
429 white and next year change to dynamic and color changing. You would want to decide which
430 way to go now.

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432 T. Tsantoulis: I am assuming they are not staying on the bridge year round. We have to justify
433 spending that money to the residents. It is nice to look at but we have to look at the financial
434 ramifications and justify it.

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436 J. Paquin: You can stay with the soft white and lease them for \$7500. The annual cost
437 includes annual maintenance. We would re-quote next year's price. It could go up 5 to 10%
438 each year. If you purchased for \$8,500 with a \$3,000 installation rate for year one, I can
439 commit to a \$3,000 labor only rate for installation for years two and three. I cannot guarantee
440 the lights will last three or four years. You should get three years out of one set of lights. If they
441 were to say up for six months that could possibly degrade the quality of the lights faster. Even
442 with that time frame, adding in a 10% material replacement still would have savings. If the
443 intent is to continue to light the bridge there would still be savings with the purchase price. In
444 the fourth year we would recommend a full replacement.

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446 R. Lapierre: If we go with one of these options and you do storage and the price for the labor
447 reinstallation gets voted down, what happens to the lights?

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449 J. Paquin: With the purchase option I am offering to store them for the dynamic option. If you
450 do not go with us I will drop them off wherever you would like.

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452 R. Duhaime: You are putting them up, taking them down, and storing them for \$3,000? You
453 could go with the other lights if you have the money in your budget for this and the town has
454 ARPA funds. I think we should do some lighting. What is the extra purchase price on these?

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456 J. Paquin: To lease the dynamic is an additional \$3,700. To purchase is an additional \$5,700.
457 The cost is \$13,100 to purchase the dynamic with the same installation.

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459 R. Duhaime: If we leave them up longer for holidays would it be the same amount of money?

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461 T. Lacasse: It is the same price. There is an extra cost for the dynamic lights. Longevity
462 cannot be guaranteed.

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464 J. Paquin: They have the same life expectancy, but the dynamic would be left up longer and
465 will degrade faster by leaving them up longer.

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467 T. Lacasse: It would be either \$9,500 from ARPA to purchase the static white, or \$14,000 from
468 ARPA to purchase the dynamic lights. The lights static white would last approximately three
469 years and the dynamic would last approximately two years due to being up longer. This year
470 the Heritage Commission is asking for that money from ARPA funds. Next year we are only
471 going to be asking to increase the budget of the Heritage Commission by \$3,000 for the

472 installation just to pay for the labor to install the lights. We are are willing to organize and put
473 on the event, and if there is a difference in the installation the Heritage Commission is willing to
474 offset any increase in cost. After that we will use funds from fundraising to offset the cost.
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476 J. Durand: Will you be back in two to three years?
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478 T. Lacasse: We are going to have fundraisers to offset that cost. We will only be asking for a
479 \$3,000 increase in the budget each year. We are only asking ARPA for a one time purchase.
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481 A. Garron: What you will see next month in the budget is a proposed increase of \$18,000. If
482 this will be an ongoing event, was there any thought given to if Village Water does not continue
483 to cooperate with lighting?
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485 T. Lacasse: Village Water has been cooperative so we don't anticipate any problems. We
486 have had discussions and we do not know what we would do.
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488 J. Paquin: It is possible to light the bridge from one side but not recommended. It could be
489 done temporarily.
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491 T. Tsantoulis: There is a special reserve account with almost \$42,000.
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493 T. Lacasse: I believe it is around \$39,000. That is earmarked for a historic marker tour project
494 in the village.
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496 R. Duhaime: Does lighting up the village come out of your budget?
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498 T. Lacasse: Old Town Hall and Prescott Library is a \$1,000 expense. That is included in the
499 proposal. It is a \$1,000 lease for those lights. We are requesting that from ARPA. The private
500 buildings are doing their own lighting. We are asking for town funds for the town structures
501 (Old Town Hall, Prescott Library, and the Bridge).
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503 ***R. Duhaime motioned for \$9,500 to come out of ARPA funds. Seconded by R. Lapierre.***
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505 R. Duhaime: It was a great event last year. I think this event will grow. Maybe we could
506 eventually budget for this annually. For right now I think this is a great event.
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508 A. Garron: To make it an annual event will be before you with the town budget next month.
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510 T. Tsantoulis: There were a lot of positive comments on the lights last year.
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512 T. Lacasse: By Council supporting this you are showing support for the Village and Robies
513 that just reopened. This is an economic driver for Robies.
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515 ***Roll Call Vote #3***

516 ***D. Boutin - Yes***

517 ***J. Pinard - Yes***

518 ***A. Walczyk - Yes***

519 **J. Durand - Yes**
520 **R. Duhaime - Yes**
521 **J. Sullivan - Yes**
522 **R. Lapierre - Yes**
523 **K. Judge - NP**
524 **T. Tsantoulis - Yes**

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526 **Vote in favor 8-0.**

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528 **J. Durand motioned to have the Town Council request the teamsters to have Councilor**
529 **Judge removed from the team negotiations. Seconded by R. Duhaime.**

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531 Discussion ensued on procedure.

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533 J. Pinard: You want him removed from the teamster's negotiation but that is part of his
534 employment.

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536 T. Tsantoulis: I am not convinced that after reading 7.2 he gains nothing.

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538 J. Pinard: I spoke with Steven Buckley.

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540 T. Tsantoulis: Was this run by the town's legal counsel?

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542 A. Garron: I would be happy to run it by the town's legal counsel. Steven Buckley is an
543 attorney. Often times we will defer to the town's legal counsel. I had a conversation with a
544 constituent. Councilor Judge represents the union but he does not negotiate on behalf of the
545 town.

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547 J. Durand: He cannot appease both the town and his employer. It is wrong.

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549 J. Sullivan: Councilor Judge needs to remove himself from any discussion with regard to
550 contracts.

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552 J. Sullivan referred to Section 7.2 and stated section C is a gray area.

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554 R. Lapierre: Councilor judge has said that if he was elected he would not negotiate in this
555 town. He is also allowed to make a living. A. Garron what is your opinion.

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557 A. Garron: When we met with the teamsters from DPW and Hooksett Police Supervisory Unit
558 I, we were surprised that he was on the time. As a Councilor he has always excused himself
559 from any discussions of any union he is involved with. He can earn a living doing that. My
560 perspective is he is not part of any of our town negotiations. I will honor whatever the Council
561 decides to do.

562
563 **Roll Call Vote #4**

564 **A. Walczyk - No**
565 **R. Lapierre - Yes**

566 **J. Pinard - No**
567 **R. Duhaime - Yes**
568 **J. Durand - Yes**
569 **J. Sullivan - Yes**
570 **D. Boutin - No**
571 **T. Tsantoulis - No**

572
573 **Tie vote of 4-4. Motion carries.**

574
575 J. Durand left the meeting at 8:56 pm.

576
577 **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

578
579 10.1 Motion to accept money raised in the amount of \$980.00, to the Town of
580 Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Departments LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs)
581 program, per RSA 31:95-b, III(b).

582
583 10.2 Manchester Animal Hospital Parking Lot Expansion, 1129 Hooksett Road -
584 Release of \$13,431.16 Site Bond.

585
586 10.3 Motion to accept a donation of \$250.00 from Tap House Grille to the Town of
587 Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department per RSA 31:95-b, III(b) and return that amount to
588 the Police Department's donation line for the L.E.A.D. Program.

589
590 10.4 Motion to accept \$472.57 raised at our sixth annual National Night Out event
591 held on August 1, 2023, to the Town of Hooksett through the Police Department for families in
592 need per RSA 31:95-b, III(b).

593
594 10.5 Motion to accept the donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Blue Ribbon
595 Property Improvements, LLC, to the Town of Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Department
596 (donation line) per RSA 31:95-b, III (b).

597
598 10.6 Motion to accept money raised in the amount of \$980.00, to the Town of
599 Hooksett for the Hooksett Police Departments LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs)
600 program, per RSA 31:95-b, III(b).

601
602 ***J. Sullivan motioned to approve the consent agenda 10-1 through 10-6. Seconded by D.***
603 ***Boutin.***

604
605 ***Vote in favor 7-0.***

606
607 **11. NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

608
609 J. Sullivan: A full time member stepped down from the Planning Board. We need to move an
610 alternate up to a full time member.

611

612 ***J. Sullivan motioned to appoint Robert Duhaime as full Planning Board member.***
613 ***Seconded by J. Pinard.***

614
615 ***Vote in favor 7-0.***
616

617 J. Sullivan: There is one alternate position available on the Planning Board.

618
619 ***J. Pinard motioned to appoint Alden Beauchemin to the Economic Development***
620 ***Committee until 6/30/2026. Seconded by J. Sullivan.***

621
622 ***Vote in favor 7-0.***
623

624 ***R. Lapierre motioned to extend the meeting past 9:30 pm. Seconded by J. Sullivan.***

625
626 ***Vote in favor 7-0.***
627

628 **12. BRIEF RECESS**

629
630 **13. OLD BUSINESS**

631
632 **13.1 Town Charter - Proposed Amendments**
633

634 J. Sullivan: reached out regarding getting clarification on the town amortization and how it
635 would be re-seeded if the districts are lowered from 9-7.

636
637 Discussion ensued.
638

639 ***J. Sullivan motioned to table town charter - proposed amendments. Seconded by J.***
640 ***Pinard. D. Boutin opposed.***

641
642 ***Vote in favor 6-1.***
643

644 **14. NEW BUSINESS**

645
646 **14.1 Street Name Approval**
647

648 ***J. Sullivan motioned to approve the street name approvals for Granite Woods***
649 ***Development - Kettle Bog Road and Park Place Community - Megway Court. Seconded***
650 ***by D. Bouton.***

651
652 ***Vote in favor 7-0.***
653

654 **14.2 Adoption of HB 1667-amendment to the requirements for the All Veterans**
655 **Tax Credit 72:28-b**
656

657 Jon Duhamel: My recommendation would include 72:28-b specifically. They changed the
658 definition of a veteran.

659
660 **J. Sullivan motioned to adopt the HB 1667-amendment to the requirements for the All**
661 **Veterans Tax Credit 72:28-b. Seconded by A. Walczyk.**

662
663 **Vote in favor 7-0.**

664
665 **14.3 Exemption/Credit revisions**

666
667 **J. Sullivan motioned to an increased exemption account according to the attached**
668 **spreadsheet. Seconded by A. Walczyk.**

669
670 A. Walczyk: With the social security adjustment is excludes a certain amount of residents and
671 this will clear that up.

672
673 **Vote in favor 7-0.**

674
675 **14.4 J. Pinard motioned to approve the purchase of three 2023 Ford Explorer**
676 **PIU Hybrid police vehicles as well as all emergency equipment, graphics (wrapping and**
677 **lettering), for the total amount of \$162,685.20. Seconded by D. Boutin.**

678
679 **Roll Call Vote #5**
680 **J. Sullivan - Yes**
681 **J. Pinard - Yes**
682 **R. Duhaime - NP**
683 **A. Walczyk - Yes**
684 **R. Lapierre - Yes**
685 **K. Judge - NP**
686 **J. Durand - NP**
687 **D. Boutin - Yes**
688 **T. Tsantoulis - Yes**

689
690 **Vote in favor 6-0.**

691
692 **14.5 Next Steps for Phase II of Town Owned Properties**

693
694 **T. Tsantoulis motioned to continue the next steps for phase II of town owned properties.**
695 **Seconded by A. Walczyk.**

696
697 **Vote in favor 6-0.**

698
699 A. Garron: We have tax deeded parcels that have been off the books for years. No money has
700 been put aside for side assessments. Is it the desire of the board to have complete site
701 analysis? It would take some funding to do an on-site assessment like a land surveyor would
702 do.
703

704 A. Walczyk: I appreciate the citizens coming to discuss the wetlands, but we are responsible
705 for taxpayer money. I do not think it makes sense to spend money on wetland surveys, but I
706 think that is something the auctioneers should be privy to.

707

708 T. Tsantoulis: Leanne said we have a deed for that property.

709

710 Leann Fuller: those properties have tax deeds. I can only go as far as the sub-division plans. it
711 is up to the purchaser to do their due diligence. These are smaller parcels and would be more
712 desirable to an abutter than someone that wants to build a home.

713

714 **14.6 Town Report Cover**

715

716 J. Pinard showed options for the town report cover.

717

718 ***J. Pinard motioned to use the photos for the town report cover as presented. Seconded***
719 ***by J. Sullivan. D. Boutin opposed. A. Walczyk abstained as one of the photos belongs to***
720 ***him.***

721

722 **Vote in favor 5-1.**

723

724 **14.7 Town Personnel Plan Update - Remove Police Sergeants Sections &** 725 **Remove Non-Union Compensatory Time "forfeited"**

726

727 R. Lapierre: They are unionized and cannot get the same treatment.

728

729 ***R. Lapierre motioned to update the Town Personnel Plan as presented. Seconded by J.***
730 ***Sullivan.***

731

732 ***Vote in favor 6-0.***

733

734 **15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

735

736 15.1 Public: 7/26/23 – not discussed.

737

738 15.2 Public: 8/9/23 – not discussed.

739

740 15.3 Non-Public: 7/26/23 – not discussed.

741

742 **16. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

743

744 A. Garron: T103 was going to be traded but it did not result in a high trade in. The DPW
745 director wanted to come back and present another avenue that might increase the trade in
746 value for that item.

747

748 Ben Berthiaume (Public Works Director): We were expecting at least \$5,500 for the trade in
749 value but were offered \$4,000 for the plow truck. I am proposing we either auction it off or put it

750 on gov.deals. We would start the minimum bid at \$4,000. We think this is valued for at least
751 \$9,000 if we sell it on gov.deals.

752
753 ***R. Lapierre motioned to enable the Town of Hooksett and the DPW to auction off the***
754 ***T103 plow truck on gov.deals. Seconded by J. Sullivan.***

755
756 ***Vote in favor 6-0.***

757
758 A. Garron: Park and Recs has power washed the monuments at Veteran's Park.

759
760 A. Garron: There will be a cost of \$60,000 to update the finance and personnel software.
761 When we reviewed the contract there was an increase in the annual maintenance cost.

762
763 ***J. Sullivan motioned to move forward with the purchase of finance and personnel***
764 ***software for \$60,000 with the knowledge of the increase of the cost of \$9,054. Seconded***
765 ***by J. Pinard.***

766
767 A. Walczyk: I would prefer we don't have the additional funds come out of the ARPA funds.

768
769 A. Garron: If we don't use ARPA funds we could increase the budget for computer software
770 purchases line by \$9,054 in next year's budget.

771
772 **Roll Call Vote #6**

773 ***J. Durand - NP***

774 ***R. Lapierre - Yes***

775 ***K. Judge - NP***

776 ***D. Boutin - Yes***

777 ***J. Pinard - Yes***

778 ***J. Sullivan - Yes***

779 ***A. Walczyk - Yes***

780 ***R. Duhaime - NP***

781 ***T. Tsantoulis - Yes***

782
783 ***Vote in favor 6-0.***

784
785 A. Garron: The drinking water trust fund has received a grant of \$384,170 to pay the cost of
786 the TIF district water main construction project.

787
788 A. Garron showed the project scope of the water main construction.

789
790 A. Garron presented the final five goals of the master plan for 2023-2024.

791
792 **17. TOWN COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

793
794 **18. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

795
796 **19. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

797
798 **20. PUBLIC INPUT**
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800 **21. NON-PUBLIC SESSION #1 NH RSA 91-A:3 II**
801
802 **J. Pinard motioned to enter NON-PUBLIC SESSION per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (c). at**
803 **9:43pm; Seconded by J. Sullivan.**
804
805 **NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public**
806 **employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any**
807 **charges against him or her.**
808 **NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect**
809 **adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body**
810 **itself.**
811
812 **Roll Call Vote #7**
813 ***J. Pinard - Yes***
814 ***K. Judge - NP***
815 ***R. Lapierre - Yes***
816 ***R. Duhaime - NP***
817 ***A. Walczyk - Yes***
818 ***J. Durand - NP***
819 ***J. Sullivan - Yes***
820 ***D. Boutin - No***
821 ***T. Tsantoulis - Yes***
822
823 ***Vote in favor 5-1.***
824
825 ***Councilor Boutin motioned to exit the non-public session at 9:52pm. Seconded by***
826 ***Councilor Sullivan.***
827
828 ***Vote in favor 6-0.***
829
830 ***Councilor Lapierre motioned to seal the non-public minutes of August 23, 2023.***
831 ***Seconded by Councilor Pinard.***
832
833 **Roll Call Vote #8**
834 ***R. Lapierre - Yes***
835 ***R. Duhaime - NP***
836 ***J. Sullivan - Yes***
837 ***A. Walczyk - Yes***
838 ***J. Durand - NP***
839 ***J. Pinard - Yes***
840 ***D. Boutin - No***
841 ***K. Judge - NP***
842 ***T. Tsantoulis - Yes***
843

844 ***Vote in favor 5-1.***

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846 **22. ADJOURNMENT**

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848 **D. Boutin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. Seconded by R. Lapierre.**

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850 **Vote in favor 6-0.**

851

852 Respectfully submitted,

853

854 */s/ AnnMarie Scott*

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856 Recording Clerk