



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
HUDSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Patricia Barry
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="right">Vote for not Three Year Term more than TWO</p> <p>JARED STEVENS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RANDY BROWNRIGG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RICHARD B. KAHN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TED LUSZEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NORMAND G. MARTIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARILYN MCGRATH <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="right">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>LAURA DEANGELIS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <hr/> <p align="center">CODE OF ETHICS</p> <p align="right">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND</p> <p align="right">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>EDMOND A. DUCHESNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="right">Vote for not Three Year Term more than THREE</p> <p>TED TROST <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="right">Vote for not Three Year Term more than ONE</p> <p>ARLENE CREEDEN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	

ARTICLES

Article 2	<p>Construction of a New Fire Station</p> <p>Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,174,600 for the design and construction of a new fire station on Town-owned land located on Lowell Road, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,600 for the purpose of paying 2015-2016 bond issuance cost and interest on said general obligation bonds or notes? (3/5 ballot vote required) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-2)</p>	<p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">NO <input type="radio"/></p>
Article 3	<p>General Fund Operating Budget</p> <p>Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$24,392,956? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,087,206 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0)</p>	<p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">NO <input type="radio"/></p>

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 4 Sewer Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$1,581,206 for the operation of the Town Sewer Utility? Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Town Sewer Utility shall be \$1,659,315, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised appropriation for the Town Sewer Utility only.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0)

YES
NO

Article 5 Water Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$3,647,180 for the operation of the Town Water Utility? Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Town Water Utility shall be \$3,710,905 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0)

YES
NO

Article 6 Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association, for Wage & Benefit Increases

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount	COLA%
7/1/15 – 6/30/16	\$70,335	2.0%

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,335 for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-5)

YES
NO

Article 7 Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,280 which represents a 2% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0)

YES
NO

Article 8 Wages and Benefit Increase for Full Time Employees of Rodgers Memorial Library

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,798 which represents a 2% increase in wages and benefits for the full-time employees of the Rodgers Memorial Library? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-2)

YES
NO

Article 9 Renovation of the Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,000 for the purpose of renovating the Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the unassigned fund balance? No amount to be raised from taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.)

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0)

YES
NO

Article 10 Replacement Ambulance

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund and to use \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0)

YES
NO

Article 11 Funding for Communications Equipment and Infrastructure

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund which was established on March 12, 2013 for the repair, replacement, or improvement of the Town's radio communication system, equipment and infrastructure? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3, the Operating Budget.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-1)

YES
NO

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 12 Establish Hudson Community Television Revolving Fund YES

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Hudson Community Television Revolving Fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h (e) for the purpose of providing community television access for public, educational, or governmental use? 80% of revenues received from cable television franchise fees, or other income derived from the Town of Hudson cable television operations shall be deposited into the Fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general surplus. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the Fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend from the Fund. These funds may be expended only for purposes of community television access for public, educational, or governmental, cable facilities equipment, maintenance, renovations, or associated operating and administrative purposes. The Hudson Community Television Revolving Fund shall go into effect on July 1, 2016. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

NO

Article 13 Investment Management Service Alternatives

Shall the Town of Hudson vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35: 9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management service, and any other expense incurred, from capital reserve funds income? No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)

YES

NO

Article 14 "Shall the town of Hudson, NH vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through NH RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes."
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2)

YES

NO

Article 15 Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the following resolution?

RESOLVED: We the People of Hudson New Hampshire stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate power by amending the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: We the People of Hudson New Hampshire hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort. (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-4)

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

TOWN OF HUDSON WARRANT ARTICLES VOTER INFORMATION

Warrant Article 1 – Election of Officers

Warrant Article 2 - Construction of a New Fire Station- Bond warrant article for the design and construction of a new Fire Station on Town owned land at 204 Lowell Road which will replace the current facility located at 88 Burns Hill Road. (3/5 majority vote required to pass.) **(Tax rate impact is 11¢ per \$1,000.)**

Warrant Article 3 - General Fund Operating Budget - The recommended Town budget for 2015-2016 is \$24,392,956. This budget includes costs for the five labor contracts that were approved last year as well as increases in State retirement costs. The estimated tax rate for this budget is \$6.44 per \$1,000 which represents a 1.4% increase over last year. **(Tax rate impact is 9¢ per \$1,000.)**

Warrant Article 4 - Sewer Fund Operating Budget – Appropriates the budget for the operation of the Town’s Sewer Utility which is funded by sewer user fees and charges. There are no changes to the sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2016. **(No tax rate impact.)**

Warrant Article 5 - Water Fund Operating Budget – Appropriates the budget for the operation of the Town’s Water Utility which is funded by water user fees and charges. There are no changes to the water rates for Fiscal Year 2016. **(No tax rate impact.)**

Warrant Article 6 - Contract for Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association – The Board of Selectmen has negotiated a one year contract with the 26 member Supervisors Association that includes a 2.0% cost of living adjustment and a step raise for those that are eligible. **(Tax rate impact is 3¢ per \$1,000.)**

Warrant Article 7 - Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Provides for a 2.0% cost of living adjustment for the elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The new annual salary for this position would be \$54,921. **(Tax rate impact is less than 1¢ per \$1,000.)**

Warrant Article 8 - Wage and Benefit Increase for Rodgers Memorial Library Employees – Provides for a 2.0% cost of living adjustment for the nine full time employees of the Rodgers Memorial Library. **(Tax rate impact is less than 1¢ per \$1,000.)**

Warrant Article 9 - Renovation of Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station – Funds the renovation of the Central Fire Station that was originally built in 1952. Renovations are necessary to address life safety code concerns, improve public and handicapped accessibility, update electrical and plumbing systems, and improve the living quarters. It is expected that this renovation will add 10 to 15 years to the useful life of the building. This is a one time expenditure from the Town’s unassigned fund balance. **(No tax rate impact.)**

Warrant Article 10 - Replacement Ambulance – For the planned replacement of a 2006 Ambulance. The funds used to purchase this will come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund which was established for this purpose in 1994. **(No tax rate impact.)**

Warrant Article 11 - Funding for Communications Equipment and Infrastructure – Proposes to add \$200,000 to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund which was established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing, replacing or improving the Town’s aging communication equipment and radio system. **(Tax rate impact is 8¢ per \$1,000.)**

Warrant Article 12 - Establish Hudson Community Television Revolving Fund – Proposes a revolving fund that can only be spent to provide community television access for public, educational or governmental use. 80% of the Cable Franchise Fees collected by the Town would go to this fund with the balance going to the General Fund to help offset the tax rate. **(No tax rate impact.)**

Warrant Article 13 - Investment Management Service Alternatives – This article would authorize the elected Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for services to manage the Trust Funds out of the gains made by the Trust Funds themselves and eliminate the need to raise funds in the budget for this purpose. **(No tax rate impact.)**

Warrant Article 14 - By citizen petition.

Warrant Article 15 – By citizen petition.