

Town of Hudson Warrant

Article 01 The inhabitants of the Town of Hudson in the County of Hillsborough in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 8, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 10, 2020
Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson

Article 02 Wetland Conservation Overlay District Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article IX, Wetland Conservation District; to establish a Conditional Use Permit process for the protection of wetlands and wetland buffers. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

Article 03 Duplex Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article II, Terminology, §334-6 Definitions: DUPLEX; to clarify definition of Duplex buildings. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 6-0)

Article 04 BAE Building Height Zoning Amendment

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article III, General Regulations, § 334-14 Building Height; to include Map 251 Lot 1, "BAE Systems" in the allowance for 50-foot building height in select industrial zones. (Approved by the Planning Board by a vote of 5-0)

Article 05 Police Facility Expansion and Renovation

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,900,000 for the expansion and renovation of the Police facility and further authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue \$4,900,000 of bonds or notes for this project in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$122,500. for the first year payment on the bond and authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this vote or pass any other vote relative thereto.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
(3/5 ballot vote required) Tax rate impact \$.04 cents

Article 06 General Fund Operating Budget

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 \$28,232,697? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$27,503,958 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 9-0)
Estimated tax rate \$5.88

Article 07 Sewer Fund Operating Budget

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 \$2,110,633? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,897,133 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 9-0)
No tax rate impact

Article 08 Water Fund Operating Budget

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 \$3,802,291? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$3,801,794 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 9-0)
No tax rate impact

Article 09 Hudson Police Employees Association Contract

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 Employees Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount
7/1/19 – 6/30/20	\$0
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$377,464
7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$203,245
7/1/22 – 6/30/23	\$215,263
7/1/23 – 6/30/24	\$220,824
7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$220,428

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$377,464 for the Fiscal Year 2021, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)

Tax rate impact \$.12 cents

Article 10 Hudson Public Works Local 1801 Union Contract

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 Public Works Local 1801 which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	\$88,209
7/1/21 – 6/30/22	\$91,767
7/1/22 – 6/30/23	\$85,811

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,209 for the Fiscal Year 2021, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior fiscal year?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)

Tax rate impact \$.03 cents

Article 11 Hire Two (2) Truck Driver/Laborers

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$148,148 to hire two (2) Truck Driver/Laborers for the Public Works Department, \$37,037 of this sum will come from the Sewer Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
Tax rate impact \$.05 cents

Article 12 Hire Four (4) Firefighter/AEMT

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$363,568 which represents the cost of wages and benefits to hire four Firefighter/AEMT, 75% of the salary and benefits being subsidized by the Federal Government, with the sum of \$272,676 to come from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant, and the balance of \$90,892 to be raised from general taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
Tax rate impact \$.03 cents

Article 13 Town of Hudson Communication System

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$810,000 for the purpose of upgrading the Town of Hudson Communication System and authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the unassigned fund balance. No funds are requested from general taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
No tax rate impact

Article 14 Taylor Falls and Veterans Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for design of Taylor Falls and Veterans Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation? This project will be funded from unassigned fund balance. This is a Special Warrant Article, per RSA 32:7 VI, reflecting an appropriation that will not lapse until the monies are expended, or June 30, 2026, whichever is the earliest. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
No tax rate impact

Article 15 Purchase a New Fire Squad Vehicle

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new squad vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of \$170,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? This Capital Reserve Fund was created for the purpose of purchasing a new replacement fire apparatus and has been used to replace other units already. No funds are requested from general taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
No tax rate impact.

Article 16 Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair CRF Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 11, 2008? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
Tax rate impact \$.01.

Article 17 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 which will be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2008?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
Tax impact less than \$.01.

Article 18 VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2006, \$15,000 of this sum will come from the Sewer Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0)
Tax rate impact less than \$.01.

Article 19 Library Improvements Capital Reserve Fund Funding

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Library Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2017?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0-1)
No tax rate impact

Article 20 Establish an Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish an Energy Efficiency Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of assessing, designing, and/or implementing energy efficiency projects in town buildings or properties, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1)
Tax rate impact \$.01.

Article 21 Tax Rate Impact on Ballot

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to require that the annual budget and all warrant articles, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax rate impact of the article in accordance with RSA 32:5-V-b?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)
No tax rate impact

Article 22 Appoint Town Treasurer

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than electing a Treasurer?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)
No tax rate impact.

Article 23 Allow Sports Betting in Hudson

Shall the Town of Hudson allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the Town?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)
No tax rate impact

Article 24 Accept the Deed to Sunnyside Cemetery

Shall the Town of Hudson vote pursuant to RSA 289:13 to accept a deed from the Hudson Cemetery Association to the Town conveying title to the Sunnyside Cemetery, in which all lots have been sold, and for the care of which trust funds are currently held by the Trustees of Trust Funds? The Sunnyside Cemetery will be deeded to the Town with no implied financial liability over and above the trust fund income. Upon the transfer of the title to the Sunnyside Cemetery to the Town, the Hudson Cemetery Trustees shall have the sole management responsibility for the cemetery.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)
No tax rate impact.

Article 25 Expand Ranger Town Forest (Petitioned)

Shall the Town of Hudson designate parcel ID 169-003-000, consisting of 27.49 acres and abutting Rangers Town Forest, along with parcel 169-022-000 (1.02 acres) and parcel 169-002 (3.3 acres), as "Town Forest" as described in RSA 31:110 and 31:111, and convey management and control of said parcels to the Town Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 31:112, in order to permanently protect the parcels from development while retaining the ability to use them for forest management, passive recreation, enhancement and maintenance of scenic value, wildlife habitat, and open space?"
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1)
No tax rate impact

Article 26 Increase Conservation Commission Membership (Petitioned)

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to increase the current membership of the Conservation Commission from 5 members to 7 members as permitted by RSA 36-A:3?
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2)
No tax rate impact.

Article 27 Replace Roof of Kitchen Building at Benson Park (Petitioned)

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 which represents the cost of replacing the roof of the "kitchen" building at Benson Park with a clay tile product as mandated by the state Division of Historical Resources?
(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1-1)
No tax rate impact.

Article 28 Repeal ID Requirement for Volunteers (Petitioned)

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Hudson to see if the Town will repeal the ID requirement for volunteers and members of unpaid committees.
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0)
No tax rate impact.