



Town of Hudson
78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749

Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting

(Pursuant to G.L. Part I, Title III, Chapter 30A, Section 22)

April 2, 2024 6:00 PM

Town Hall Third Floor Conference Room and
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88310118186?pwd=S1hoZi90b2YzMnVnYkFiTG1mcXVTZz09>
Meeting ID, 883 1011 8186; Passcode, 439705; (305) 224-1968 US; (646) 558-8656 New York

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and outlined the agenda.

Members Present: Guy Beaudette, Sam Calandra (Chair), Robert Clark, Joseph Fiorello, Stephen Forti, Jillian Jagling (remote), Joseph McNealy, Eugenia Vineyard

Non-members present: Thomas Gregory (Executive Asst.), Neil Vaidya (Finance Director), Tracey Gustafson (ARC), Dan Barstow (Lake Boon Commission)

Agenda Items

Minutes Approval

On a motion by Mr. McNealy, seconded by Mr. Beaudette, the Committee voted 8-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes of March 26th, 2024.

Budget Message, Financial Planning Documents, Budget Summary

The Committee reviewed the FY25 Budget Summary and discussed the outlook for future years. In FY 25 state aid is a net 10,000 increase and education aid is a net decrease.

FY25 Hearings for Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2024

The following Articles in *FY25 Annual Town Meeting Warrant* were discussed and voted by the Committee

Article clarification notes:

Article 26 - every 3rd year additional treatment is done in the lake. This is a 3rd year so the cost is higher than in other years. Mr. Beaudette recommended exploring a collaboration with Fort Meadow water management in Marlborough to see if that would result in reduced cost. The state owns Lake Boon. The Lake Boon Commission is responsible for lake maintenance,

Article 36 - Addictions Referral Center (ARC) was established in 1972. The town started making contributions in the 1990s. The current \$20,000 funding level was set in 2010. ARC has 2 part time employees; other staffing is all volunteer. The total ARC budget is \$120,000 raised through grants,



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donations, and fundraising events.

Article 12 - The Select Board will review an updated financial proposal at their 4/8 meeting.

Article 17 - Workers Compensation insurance increased 8%. That additional cost will be funded through the overlay surplus.

Article 19 - will ask town to pass over. Fincom will no vote

Articles 2, 7, 12, 17, 19, 25 were passed over pending final amounts

Article	Description	Motion	Second	Vote
2	Year End Transfers - passed over			
3	1974 – Lake Boon Commission Expense \$32,000	Forti	Clark	8-0-0
3	Library \$945,614	McNealy	Clark	8-0-0
7	Authorization to Appropriate from Insurance Recovery Account - passed over			
12	Amend Fire Headquarters Borrowing Authorization - passed over			
17	Fund Workers' Comp. Insurance Trust Fund - passed over			
19	Fund Other Post Empl. Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund - passed over			
25	Joint Dispatch Offset Receipts			
26	Lake Boon Water Quality Remediation \$3,000	Clark	Beaudette	8-0-0
36	Addictions Referral Center	Clark	Forti	7-0-1



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Adjournment

On a motion by Chair Calandra, seconded by Mr. McNealy, the Committee voted 8-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used at the Meeting

Visit the Finance Committee Town page for all Finance Committee documents:

<https://www.townofhudson.org/finance-committee/pages/documents>

2024-03-07 EA FY25 Budget Presentation

2024-03-25 May Town Meeting Warrant

2024-03-05 FY25 Operating Budget (Draft1R1)