



Town of Hudson

MASSACHUSETTS 01749-2134

To: Registered Voters

From: Thomas Gregory

Date: November 17, 2025

Re: Special Town Meeting – Summary of Warrant Articles

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide to the registered voters attending the Special Town Meeting on November 17, 2025 a summary of each of the articles which appear on the Warrant as well as the quantum of vote required for each article. While this summary is intended to provide a brief explanation of the articles, please remember that the Warrant remains the official document to be considered.

Article 1 – This article appears on the Warrant each year to anticipate receipt of invoices after the Town closes its books for the prior fiscal year. State statute requires that Town Meeting approve any invoice of a prior fiscal year. There were five (5) Police Department invoices received this year after the books were closed, totaling \$15,218.91. It is requested that the Stabilization Fund be used to pay these invoices. A 9/10ths vote of Town Meeting is necessary for the passage of this article.

Article 2 – This article requests that an additional \$138,438 be raised and appropriated to supplement the FY2026 Health Insurance appropriation. The additional amount is due to the actual premium increases on the active plans and senior plans which are higher than the amount estimated last December. The article also recommends that an additional \$556,244 be raised and appropriated to supplement the FY2026 Debt Budget. On May 1, 2023, Town Meeting authorized a borrowing of \$23,975,884 to design and construct a new DPW facility. The additional amount is due to a required interest payment for this borrowing. Because financing for this project was approved via a debt exclusion vote, the increase will not put any pressure on other departments' operating budgets. A majority vote of Town Meeting is necessary for the passage of this article.

Article 3 – This article requests \$25,000 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund so that the Board of Health can conduct a Phase 1 initial site assessment of the closed and capped Gates Pond Landfill. The site assessment represents the first step toward bringing this landfill into compliance with MADEP regulations. A 2/3rds vote of Town Meeting is required for the passage of this article.

Article 4 – This article requests that Town Meeting appropriate \$187,000 from Community Preservation funds: \$100,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for housing preservation; \$65,000 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the Health Department for housing crisis prevention; and \$22,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund Balance to the Historic Commission for the Taylor Memorial Bridge Engineering survey . A majority of Town Meeting is required for the passage of this article.

Article 5 – This article requests seeks to amend the Town’s General Bylaws by providing additional clarity to the previously-approved Non-Recyclable Plastic Reduction By-Law. A majority vote of Town Meeting is required for the passage of this article.

Article 6 – This article formally establishes an existing committee by inserting new language in the Town’s General Bylaws. The composition and charge of the committee remain unchanged. A majority vote of Town Meeting is required for the passage of this article.

cc: Select Board
 Finance Committee
 All Departments
 Interested Parties