



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)

March 7, 2024 6:00 PM

Town Hall Third Floor Conference Room and
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88310118186?pwd=S1hoZi90b2YzMnVnYkFjTG1mcXVTZz09>
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 (remote), Joseph Fiorello, Stephen Forti, Jillian Jagling (remote), Joseph McNealy, Claudinor Salomao, Eugenia Vineyard

Non-members present: Thomas Gregory (Executive Asst.), Kristina Johnson (Director of Planning and Community Development), Joan Wordell (Town Clerk), Neil Vaidya (Finance Director), Erin Caton (Assistant Finance Director)

Agenda Items

Minutes Approval

On a motion by Mr. Salomao, seconded by Mr. McNealy, the Committee voted 8-0-1 to approve the meeting minutes of February 29, 2024.

FY25 Hearings for Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2024

The Executive Assistant reviewed the "EA FY25 Budget Presentation" with the Committee.

Article 3, FY2025 Budget, General Government

Dept#	Department	Amount	Motion	Second	Vote
1220	Select Board	17,850.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1230	Executive Assistant	371,640.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1231	Election Town Meeting	73,564.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1232	Community	317,891.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0



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	Development				
1235	Legal Services	250,000.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1236	Town Hall Expenses	73,481.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1237	Personnel Expenses	16,260.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1330	Finance	854,939.00	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0
1610	Town Clerk	200,255.00	Vineyard	Salomao	8-0-1
1330	IT	619,526.06	Vineyard	Salomao	9-0-0

Article 1, Prior Year Bills

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$1,397.58 from previously certified and available Free Cash for the purpose of paying prior year bills for costs incurred in previous fiscal years per General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64; or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion by Ms. Vineyard, seconded by Mr. Salomao, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the subject matter of Article 1.

Article 2, Year End Transfers

Article 2 was passed over. Vote will be taken when final transfer amounts are available.

Article 15, PEG Access and Cable Related Budget

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following expenditures from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ³/₄:

HUD Access Television Studio

HUD-TV Salaries \$228,478

HUD-TV Operational Expenses \$72,647

Town Internet Networking (INET)

INET Salaries \$0

INET Operational Expenses \$131,000

\$432,125

or take any other action relative thereto.



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On a motion by Ms. Vineyard, seconded by Mr. McNealy, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the subject matter of Article 15.

Article 16, Fund Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer the sum of \$25,000 to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund to provide for the anticipated costs of funding reimbursements to the Commonwealth for unemployment compensation benefits and administration in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5E, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion by Ms. Vineyard, seconded by Mr. Salomao, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the subject matter of Article 16.

Article 17, Fund Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

Article 17 was passed over. Vote will be taken when a final transfer amount is available.

Article 18, Fund General Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$605,000 from previously certified and available Free Cash, said sum to be transferred to the General Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion by Ms. Vineyard, seconded by Mr. Salomao, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the subject matter of Article 18.

Article 19, Fund Other Post Empl. Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund

Article 19 was passed over. Vote will be taken when a final transfer amount is available.

Article 20, The Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Reserve Fund to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures or transfers, to be made to the departments only by vote of the Finance Committee, as provided for in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6 as amended, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to carry into effect the provisions of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion by Ms. Vineyard, seconded by Mr. Salomao, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to recommend the subject matter of Article 20.



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Adjournment

On a motion by Sam Calandra, seconded by Mr. Salomao, the Committee voted 9-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM.

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
2024-02-23 Annual Town Meeting Warrant (Draft)