



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 14, 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, Joseph Fiorello, Stephen Forti, Jillian Jagling (remote until 7:45), Joseph McNealy, Eugenia Vineyard

Non-members present: Thomas Gregory (Executive Asst.), , Neil Vaidya (Finance Director), Erin Caton (Assistant Finance Director). Richard DiPersio (Chief of Police), Jamie Desautels (Fire Chief), Jeffrey Wood (Building Commissioner)

Agenda Items

Minutes Approval

On a motion by Mr. Beaudette, seconded by Mr. Forti, the Committee voted 8-0-0 to approve the meeting minutes of March 13th, 2024.

FY25 Hearings for Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2024

Article 3, FY2025 Budget, Public Safety

Dept#	Department	Amount	Motion	Second	Vote
2100	Police	5,008,221.00	Clark	Forti	7-0-0
2200	Fire	4,384,692.00	Clark	Forti	7-0-0
2410	Building Inspections	331,021.00	Vineyard	Clark	7-0-0

ARTICLE 4 Fire Engine Borrowing Rescission

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued borrowing authorization of \$975,950 for the Fire Engine approved under Article 5 of the November 20, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant; or take any other action relative thereto.



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A final price for the engine will be available prior to the start of engine build. The town will have an option to withdraw if that price is greater than a contractually specified percent increase.

On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Forti, the Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend the subject matter of Article 4.

ARTICLE 5 Capital Plan – General Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,112,450 from Free Cash to purchase items of equipment and make capital improvements requested by the various departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

Passed over pending full review of capital requests.

ARTICLE 12 Amend Fire Headquarters Borrowing Authorization

To see if the Town will vote to amend the borrowing authorization for the Fire Headquarters renovation project made under Article 14 on the November 21, 2022 Special Town Meeting Warrant, by increasing the borrowing authorization by a sum of money; or take any other action relative thereto.

The November 2022 authorization for Fire Headquarters renovation was for \$1,122,000. Critical needs were doors, roof and compressor. Cost estimates for the renovation have increased significantly. Door renovations have been funded and work is in progress. Review is under way to reduce the cost of needed renovations prioritizing the critical roof and compressor repairs.

The Committee passed over Article 12 pending the final sum of money.

ARTICLE 24 Joint Dispatch Offset Receipts

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$670,093, said sum to be utilized to offset the cost of operating and maintaining a joint Police and Fire dispatch system through June 30, 2025, and such sum to be offset, in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts from public safety fees paid by the Highland Commons Shopping Center, all in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E as authorized in Article 14 of the Town Meeting of May 2, 1988; or take any other action relative thereto.

The Committee passed over Article 24 pending modifications to the sum of money.



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Adjournment

On a motion by Sam Calandra, seconded by Mr. Fiorello, the Committee voted 7-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM.

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)