

Annual Town Meeting WARRANT TOWN OF HUDSON



**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 AT NOON
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT
(Rain Date: Sunday, 5/2/2021 at Noon)**

**Finance Committee
Report and Recommendations**

Finance Committee Preamble

To the people of Hudson, Greetings:

The finance committee has reviewed the warrant and we have made our recommendations.

The overall budget increase for FY 2022 over FY 2021 will be approximately 2.3%. During the last year, our community has faced a great deal of uncertainty, and general confusion about forthcoming state aid was one of the reasons for postponing the May Town Meeting. In fact, the state budget had not been finalized by the time of the November Town Meeting. When the state budget finally passed, Beacon Hill maintained local aid at FY 2020 levels through FY 2021. It is unlikely, however, that the Commonwealth will be able to maintain this level of local funding through FY 2022, so the pandemic is not yet done with us. Apart from uncertainty about future state aid, COVID mitigation measures caused disruption in the Town's revenues through meals and accommodations tax, and cannabis revenue was depressed due to the temporary closure of retail sales.

Nonetheless, as a community we can tout some significant accomplishments: Largely taking place during our low-traffic lockdown, we completed the Wood Square rotary project. Although individual opinions about the project vary widely, widened sidewalks facilitated *al fresco* dining at a time when our restaurants most needed the business. Almost before most of us noticed that it was happening, we demolished the old mill building at 15 Broad Street, funding the project entirely with grant money. Finally, the Town settled litigation with Precision Coating et al., and took ownership of the Cranberry Well infrastructure designed and built by the responsible parties (worth approximately \$1.6 million) and secured an additional \$1.625 million to fund future operation of our water system.

The committee wanted to share our thoughts with respect to several of the Warrant Articles: Article 3: In the interest of minimizing expenditures, the capital plan has been restricted to street repair.

Article 25: This article would amend the Town Charter to eliminate the requirement that the Executive Assistant reside within Hudson. We understand that many people are opposed to this idea, and we largely understand why: If the EA lives in town, he or she will have a personal stake in the success of the community, and this naturally promotes retention in the position as well as sensitivity to issues relevant to the community. Unfortunately, satisfying the requirement poses significant difficulties. Over the last year, demographic shifts brought on by remote work and the attractiveness of Hudson as a community have caused the local housing market to constrict radically. At the time the search committee was reviewing candidates for the position, it found almost no single-family homes on the market between \$400,000 and \$600,000. In short, while the Executive Assistant preferably would live in Hudson, in practice mandating residence discourages qualified candidates from applying for the position.

The Finance Committee:

Robert Clark, Chairman

Steven Sharek, Vice Chairman

Claudinor Salomão, Guy Beaudette, Andrew Horvitz,

Sam Calandra, Andrew Massa, Shawn Sadowski, Jillian Jagling

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TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Hudson in the County of Middlesex,
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hudson, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to assemble in the Hudson High School, Brigham Street, in said Town on

SATURDAY, the First day of

MAY

in the year 2021

at 12:00 o'clock noon. Then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1 FY2021 PFAS Filtration Media Replacement

To see if the Town will appropriate from Free Cash \$350,000 to replace the filtration media in our PFAS water filtration equipment during fiscal year 2021; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
DPW Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 1: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$225,000 be appropriated from Free Cash. Vote 8-0-1.

ARTICLE 2 FY2022 Budget

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of money therefore to provide funds needed to defray the usual and necessary expense of the Town for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022; and raise and appropriate the money needed to carry into effect the provisions of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Department		<u>FY19 Actual</u>	<u>FY20 Actual</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>FY22 – Executive Asst. Request</u>	<u>FY22 - Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>FY22 - Fin Com Recommend</u>
1 Board of Selectmen	Personnel	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
2 Board of Selectmen	Expenses	4,834	4,050	4,524	4,524	4,524	4,524
Selectmen Total		13,834	13,050	13,524	13,524	13,524	13,524
3 Executive Assistant	Personnel	296,923	310,271	322,089	328,693	328,693	328,693
4 Executive Assistant	Expenses	8,935	7,643	5,050	5,050	5,050	5,050
5 Election & Town Meeting	Personnel	31,953	22,065	32,408	14,946	14,946	14,946
6 Election & Town Meeting	Expenses	12,037	10,504	16,772	11,975	11,975	11,975
7 Community Development	Personnel	261,645	277,576	241,628	241,148	241,148	241,148
8 Community Development	Expenses	16,932	14,369	17,486	15,700	15,700	15,700
9 Legal Services	Expenses	377,106	462,358	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
10 Building Maintenance	Personnel	56,329	59,906	58,516	61,016	61,016	61,016
11 Building Maintenance	Expenses	202,553	211,243	200,600	200,704	200,704	200,704
12 Personnel Expense	Expenses	11,753	17,980	11,760	11,760	11,760	11,760
Exe. Assistant Total		1,276,167	1,393,915	1,156,309	1,140,992	1,140,992	1,140,992
13 Finance/IT Department	Personnel	589,098	671,169	671,898	718,662	718,662	718,662
14 Finance/IT Department	Expenses	160,842	167,793	172,199	182,925	182,925	182,925
Finance/IT Total		749,941	838,962	844,097	901,587	901,587	901,587
15 Town Clerk/Registrar	Personnel	157,977	155,436	167,132	167,874	167,874	167,874
16 Town Clerk	Expenses	12,784	12,578	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777
Town Clerk Total		170,761	168,014	179,909	180,651	180,651	180,651
17 Moderator	Expenses	110	110	100	110	110	110
18 Finance Committee	Expenses	303	245	853	853	853	853
19 Board of Assessors	Personnel	29,122	29,704	29,704	29,704	29,704	29,704
20 Board of Assessors	Expenses	56,743	88,319	126,162	96,850	96,850	96,850
21 Board of Appeals	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 Board of Appeals	Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 Conservation Comm.	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
24 Planning Board	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Planning Board	Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
26 Municipal Light Board	Personnel	3,792	3,900	3,600	3600	3600	3,600
27 Econ. Develop. Comm.	Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
28 Econ. Develop. Comm.	Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
29 Fort Meadow Comm.	Expenses	6,098	3,731	6,370	5,900	5,900	5,900
30 Lake Boon Comm.	Expenses	610	2,167	2,647	2,834	2,834	2,834
31 Historical District Comm.	Expenses	630	505	784	784	784	784
Board & Com Total		97,408	128,681	170,220	140,635	140,635	140,635
32 Police Department	Personnel	3,097,297	3,256,590	3,447,399	3,530,518	3,530,518	3,530,518
33 Police Department	Expenses	320,499	346,929	322,921	422,286	422,286	422,286
Police Dept. Total		3,417,796	3,603,519	3,770,320	3,952,804	3,952,804	3,952,804

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY19 Actual</u>	<u>FY20 Actual</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>FY22 - Executive Asst. Request</u>	<u>FY22 - Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>FY22 - Fin Com Recommend</u>
34 Fire Department	Personnel	2,940,565	2,991,157	3,256,874	3,355,643	3,355,643	3,355,643
35 Fire Department	Expenses	375,782	302,616	327,176	327,176	327,176	327,176
Fire Dept. Total		3,316,347	3,293,773	3,584,050	3,682,819	3,682,819	3,682,819
36 Inspections Dept.	Personnel	168,119	176,041	175,176	181,339	181,339	181,339
37 Inspections Dept.	Expenses	9,175	15,829	13,792	7,884	7,884	7,884
Insp. Dept. Total		177,294	191,870	188,968	189,223	189,223	189,223
38 DPW Snow & Ice	Personnel	158,536	92,794	132,582	135,797	135,797	135,797
39 DPW Snow & Ice	Expenses	396,829	274,502	212,700	212,700	212,700	212,700
40 Public Works	Personnel	3,006,756	3,023,094	3,456,316	3,584,978	3,584,978	3,584,978
41 Public Works	Expenses	2,745,787	2,973,840	3,167,450	3,645,450	3,645,450	3,645,450
DPW Total		6,307,907	6,364,230	6,969,048	7,578,925	7,578,925	7,578,925
42 Board of Health	Personnel	156,495	165,410	172,566	178,834	178,834	178,834
43 Board of Health	Expenses	25,139	23,662	24,722	26,770	26,770	26,770
BOH Total		181,635	189,072	197,288	205,604	205,604	205,604
44 Council on Aging	Personnel	246,760	252,775	271,329	278,992	278,992	278,992
45 Council on Aging	Expenses	31,212	29,263	30,847	31,505	31,505	31,505
COA Total		277,973	282,038	302,176	310,497	310,497	310,497
46 Veterans' Services	Personnel	68,045	70,100	71,674	71,674	71,674	71,674
47 Veterans' Services	Expenses	68,586	73,424	76,194	76,192	76,192	76,192
Veterans' Total		136,631	143,524	147,868	147,866	147,866	147,866
48 Library	Personnel	542,632	545,538	585,202	614,817	614,817	614,817
49 Library	Expenses	226,221	226,698	211,681	211,102	211,102	211,102
Library Dept. Total		768,853	772,236	796,883	825,919	825,919	825,919
50 Recreation	Personnel	312,776	328,381	321,703	347,791	347,791	347,791
51 Recreation	Expenses	69,712	61,666	69,533	67,305	67,305	67,305
Recreation Dept. Total		382,488	390,047	391,236	415,096	415,096	415,096
52 Debt Service	Expenses	7,266,559	7,337,888	6,889,250	7,530,601	7,530,601	7,530,601
Debt Total		7,266,559	7,337,888	6,889,250	7,530,601	7,530,601	7,530,601
53 Pensions	Expenses	5,347,292	5,798,334	6,210,191	6,381,731	6,381,731	6,381,731 ¹
Pension Total		5,347,292	5,798,334	6,210,191	6,381,731	6,381,731	6,381,731
54 Group Health Ins.	Expenses	4,823,693	4,910,243	5,750,000	6,015,000	6,015,500	6,015,000
55 General Insurance	Expenses	385,180	420,408	399,277	419,280	419,280	419,280
Insurance Total		5,208,873	5,330,651	6,149,277	6,434,280	6,434,280	6,434,280

¹ Recommend that \$225,00 be taken from Light & Power Surplus Account and be applied to Line 53, Contributory Retirement and Pensions.

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY19 Actual</u>	<u>FY20 Actual</u>	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>FY22 Committee Request/EA</u>	<u>FY22 Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>FY22 FinCom Recommend</u>
56 Assabet Valley	Expenses	2,786,106	3,107,701	2,734,505	3,185,718	3,185,718	3,185,718
Assabet Valley	Capital Plan			403,487			3,185,718
Assabet Valley Total		2,786,106	3,107,701	3,137,992	3,185,718	3,185,718	3,185,718
57 Hudson Schools	Personnel	28,931,813	31,394,838	31,373,337	32,944,987	32,944,987	32,944,987
58 Hudson Schools	Expenses	7,008,736	5,930,748	6,128,885	5,567,438	5,567,438	5,567,438
Schools Total		35,940,549	37,325,586	37,502,222	38,512,425	38,512,425	38,512,425
59 Schools Transportation	Expenses	2,113,478	1,614,787	1,846,867	1,937,575	1,937,575	1,937,575
Transportation Total		2,113,478	1,614,787	1,846,867	1,937,575	1,937,575	1,937,575
Hudson Schools Total		38,054,026	38,940,373	39,349,089	40,450,000	40,450,000	40,450,000
Total Operations		75,937,890	78,287,878	80,447,695	83,668,472	83,668,472	83,668,472

ARTICLE 3 Capital Plan

To see if the Town will vote to take \$300,000 from Free Cash to purchase items of equipment and make capital improvements requested by the various departments, or take any other action relative thereto

Department:	Project:	Amount:	Source of Funds:	Vote:
Public Works	Roadway Resurface	\$300,000	Free Cash	6-0
Total Capital:		\$300,000		

Executive Assistant, Director of Public Works, Finance Director, Board of Selectmen

Article 3: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$300,000 be taken from Free Cash. Vote 8-1.

ARTICLE 4 Water System Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8, as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$5,000,000.00 for the

purposes design, engineering and construction costs of installing a new Kent Drive Pump Station, upgrades to the Marlborough Interconnection, rehabilitation of the Pope Hill Tank, repairing and/or replacing generators, water mains sensors and instrumentation, chemical pumps, analyzers, commercial water meters and equipment within the water treatment plant or pump stations, equipment, buildings and improvements for a permanent PFAS/PFOS process and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes necessary thereto; further, any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by the vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Director of Public Works
Board of Selectmen

Article 4: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$5,000,000 be borrowed and appropriated.

ARTICLE 5 Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreements

To see if the Town will vote as follows:

1. To revoke its acceptance of the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 31 placing the Town of Hudson Police Department under civil service, which civil service status was accepted by vote of the June 14, 1920 annual town meeting; and
2. To appropriate from free cash \$180,546 to amend the collective bargaining agreements with the New England Police Benevolent Association and the Hudson Superior Police Officers' Association/MCOP Local 433 in order to remove the Police Department from civil service, beginning on fiscal year 2022;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Police Chief
Board of Selectmen

Article 5: The Finance Committee will offer its recommendation regarding the subject matter of this Article at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 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, 2021, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾:

HUD Access Television Studio

HUD-TV Salaries	\$209,269.00
HUD-TV Operational Expenses	\$55,144.00

Town Internet Networking (INET)

INET Salaries	\$106,170.00
INET Operational Expenses	\$135,000.00

or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
School Director of Technology

Article 6: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 7 Appropriation from Receipts Reserved – Washington Street Debt

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$26,725.00 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Sale of Real Estate in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 63 for the purpose of funding the 2022 debt service for Washington Street, such appropriation to reduce the property tax levy, or take any other action relative thereto

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 7: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$26,725 be appropriated.

ARTICLE 8 Appropriation from Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,083.70 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Transportation Network Companies in accordance with Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016, Amending Chapter 6, Section 172, subsection (a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, for the purposes of reducing the property tax levy, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 8: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$4,083.70 be transferred.

ARTICLE 9 Fund Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer \$200,000.00 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 M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5E, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 9: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$200,000 be raised, appropriated, and transferred.

ARTICLE 10 Fund Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer \$25,000.00 to the Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust Fund for the purpose of paying insurance and liabilities to pay workers' compensation, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 10: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$25,000 be raised, appropriated, and transferred.

ARTICLE 11 FY2022 – Fund Sick and Vacation Buy-Back

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 for the Sick and Vacation Buy-Back account; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 11: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$50,000 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 12 Fund Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to fund the OPEB Liability Trust Fund established under Article 16 of the November 2016 Town Meeting for retiree health insurance and other post-employment benefits in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 12: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$50,000 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 13 Fund General Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to take from free cash the sum of \$1,000,000.00, said sum to be transferred to the General Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 13: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$1,000,000 be transferred from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 14 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 Chapter 40, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and to raise and appropriate a total of \$200,000.00 to carry into effect the provisions of this article; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 14: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$200,000 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 15 Community Preservation Reservation of Funds

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the **community preservation** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the **community preservation** Committee for committee administrative expenses and other expenses in fiscal year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses **\$ 35,610.90**

Reserves:

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve **\$ 71,221.80**

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve **\$ 71,221.80**

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve **\$ 71,221.80**

From FY 2022 estimated revenues for Budgeted/General Reserve **\$ 462,941.70**

Or take any action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen

Article 15: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amounts therein be appropriated or reserved. Vote 8-1.

ARTICLE 16 Community Preservation Transfer to Affordable Housing

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$71,221.80 from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing fund balance to the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen

Article 16: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$71,221.80 be appropriated and transferred.

Note: Housekeeping Article—10% set aside for Community Housing

ARTICLE 17 Joint Dispatch Offset Receipts

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$594,926.00, said sum to be utilized to offset the cost of operating and maintaining a joint Police and Fire dispatch system through June 30, 2022, 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 action relative thereto.

Fire Chief, Police Chief
Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 17: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$594,926 be appropriated. Vote 8-0-1.

ARTICLE 18 Lake Boon Weed Treatment/Control

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to the budget of the Lake Boon Commission, said sum to be used for invasive weed control on Lake Boon. These funds are Hudson’s share of the total weed control cost on Lake Boon.

Executive Assistant
Lake Boon Commission

Article 18: The Finance Committee makes no recommendation regarding the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 6-3.

ARTICLE 19 Petition for a Special Act – Police Details by 65 to 70-Year-Olds

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a proposed Special Act to the General Court of the Commonwealth as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POLICE DETAIL WORK IN THE TOWN OF HUDSON

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a police officer who has served at least twenty (20) years of continuous, full-time service in the police department of the Town of Hudson and terminated the service in good standing may be appointed as a special police officer and may work police details within the Town of Hudson until the age of 70; provided, however, that any such officer so appointed shall abide by the rules and regulations promulgated by the police department, including firearm qualification and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)/automated external defibrillator (AED) and first responder training.

SECTION 2. The Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
 Police Chief
 Board of Selectmen

Article 19: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 20 Departmental Revolving Funds Annual Spending Limits

To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021, for the Revolving Funds established in the Town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer	FY2022 Spending Limit
Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	\$20,000.00
Fire Alarm	Fire Chief	\$30,000.00
Infiltration and Inflow	DPW Director	\$400,000.00
Inspection Fees	Building Commissioner	\$200,000.00
School Department Professional Development	Superintendent of Schools	\$20,000.00
Senior Citizens Programs	Council on Aging	\$75,000.00
Public Health Inspections	Board of Health	\$75,000.00
Tobacco Control	Board of Health	\$15,000.00
Curbside Pick-Up	Board of Health	\$875,000.00
Affordable Housing	Community Development Director	\$60,000.00
Farmers Market	Board of Health and Conservation Agent	\$20,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant, Fire Chief, Finance Director, DPW Director, Building Commissioner, School Committee, Council on Aging, Board of Health, Community Development Director, Board of Selectmen

Article 20: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 8-1.

ARTICLE 21 Light and Power Surplus Account

To see if the Town will appropriate the receipts of the Light and Power Department for the operation, maintenance, expenses, repairs and construction for the Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as defined in Section 57 and 58, Chapter 164 of the General Laws (1921) of Massachusetts, as thereafter amended, and that if there shall be any unexpended balance as of December 31, 2021, an amount not to exceed \$225,000 of the same shall be transferred to the Light and Power Surplus Account.

Municipal Light Board
Board of Selectmen

Article 21: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the amount of \$225,000 be raised and appropriated. Vote 8-0-1.

ARTICLE 22 Annual Town Reports

To hear the reports of the Town Officers, Boards and Committees and to act thereon.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 22: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 23 Borrowing in Anticipation of Revenue

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, as amended, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, as amended; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant

Board of Selectmen

Article 23: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 24 DPW Sludge Removal Contracts – Five Years

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to enter into any contract for sludge removal for term not to exceed five years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Director of Public Works
Board of Selectmen

Article 24: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 25 Amend Town Charter – Executive Assistant Residency Requirement by Special Act

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a proposed Special Act to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4-1 of article 4 of charter of the town of Hudson, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b) The executive assistant need not be a resident of the town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 25: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 26 Amend Town Charter: Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board by Special Act

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a proposed Special Act to the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows:

An Act amending the charter of the town of Hudson.

SECTION 1. Section 1-2 of article 1 of the charter of the town of Hudson, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 2. Section 2-7 of article 2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 3. Said section 2-7 of said article 2 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, the second time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 4. Section 3-1 of article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 5. Subsection (d) of section 3-3 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word “selectmen”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 6. Section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title:- SELECT BOARD.

SECTION 7. Subsection (a) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 8. Subsection (c) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 9. Subsection (d) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 10. Subsection (e) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 11. Subsection (f) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 12. Subsection (g) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 13. Subsection (h) of said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 14. Subsection (a) of section 3-7 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 15. Subsection (b) of said section 3-7 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 16. Subsection (c) of said section 3-7 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 17. Subsection (c) of section 3-8 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 18. Subsection (a) of section 4-1 of article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 19. Subsection (d) of said section 4-1 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 20. Section 4-2 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 21. Subsection (b) of section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 22. Subsection (c) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 23. Said subsection (c) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the word "selectmen", the third time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 24. Subsection (f) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 25. Subsection (h) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 26. Subsection (j) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word "selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 27. Subsection (k) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 28. Subsection (l) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 29. Subsection (n) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 30. Subsection (q) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 31. Subsection (r) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 32. Subsection (t) of said section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 33. Section 4-4 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 34. Subsection (a) of section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 35. Subsection (d) of said section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 36. Subsection (e) of said section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 37. Subsection (g) of said section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 38. The first sentence of section 5-1-2 of article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 39. Subsection (a) of said section 5-1-2 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 40. Subsection (b) of said section 5-1-2 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 41. Section 5-2 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 42. Section 5-4 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen", each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- select board.

SECTION 43. Section 6-2 of article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words "board of selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 44. Section 6-3 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word "selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 45. Section 6-4 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the word "selectmen" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 46. Subsection (a) of section 6-5 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 47. Section 6-8 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board.

SECTION 48. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 26: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 6-1-1.

ARTICLE 27 Amend General By-Laws: Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend all applicable provisions of its General Bylaws thereby changing all references from the “Board of Selectmen” to “Select Board”, and all references to individual “Selectman” or “Selectmen” to a “member of the Select Board”, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 27: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 8-0-1.

Note: This would change the name of the Board of Selectmen to make it gender neutral throughout the Town’s General By-Laws.

ARTICLE 28 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Change Board of Selectmen to Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend all applicable provisions of the Town’s Protective Zoning Bylaws thereby changing all references from “Board of Selectmen” to the “Select Board” and all references to an individual “Selectman” or “Selectmen” to a “member of the Select Board”, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 28: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 8-0-1.

Note: This would change the name of the Board of Selectmen to make it gender neutral throughout the Town's Zoning By-Laws.

Note: At the public meeting hearing on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 the Planning Board voted to recommend the approval of this article

ARTICLE 29 Amend General By-Laws - Solicitation Fee

To see if the Town will vote to strike the existing article to a new format in the Town of Hudson General Bylaws Article 6, section 47.4 regarding a registration fee for door-to-door soliciting and canvassing and replace it with:

“There shall be a \$100 application fee for an individual registration card or re-registration. There is no application fee for organizational applicants that apply for registration or re-registration.”

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Police Chief
Board of Selectmen

Article 29: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 30 Road Acceptance: Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension & Municipal Easements

To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of Indian Lakeshore Drive extension, as a Town way, together with a right-of-way easement and drainage and planting easements as shown on Plan entitled “Plan of Acceptance Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and Municipal Easements Hudson, Massachusetts Prepared for: Town of Hudson, Prepared by: Bruce Saluk & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineering & Land Surveying, 576 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA 01752, Date: December 30, 2020, Scale 1” = 20’, a copy of which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hudson, MA. Said road being more particularly described as follows:”

A certain parcel of land, known as Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension, located in Hudson, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the west side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and the northwest corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive; thence running,

- S 13-11-15 E 75.66' along the westerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive, to a point at the land of land of Edmond Chipumuro and Mercy T. Dhliwayo, thence,
Counter Clockwise 41.36' along a curve with a 30.00' radius to a point of tangency, thence,
S 87-49-45 W 60.29' by said land of Chipumuro and Dhliwayo, to a point of curvature, thence,
Counter Clockwise 36.93' along a curve with a 30.00' radius to a point of reverse curve, thence,
Clockwise 290.91' along said land of Chipumuro and Dhliwayo and the land of KCO Realty Trust on a curve with a 60.00' radius to a point of reverse curve, thence,
Counter Clockwise 14.28' along said land of KCO Realty Trust on a curve with a 30.00' radius to a point, thence,
N 87-49-45 E 118.90' along said land of KCO Realty Trust to the point of beginning.

The above described easement, consisting of 17,190 SF (0.39 AC), being consistent with and is the same land being shown as 'Parcel 5' on a plan entitled "PLAN OF ACCEPTANCE, INDIAN LAKESHORE DRIVE EXTENSION AND MUNICIPAL EASEMENTS', Hudson, Massachusetts'; prepared for the Town of Hudson; prepared by Bruce Saluk & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineering & Land Surveying, 576 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA; dated December 30, 2020.

Planting Easement

A certain Planting Easement located in Hudson, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the west side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northeast corner of said easement on the westerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; thence running,

- S 13-11-15 E 15.00' along the westerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive to the land of Wayne A. and Gretchen F. Lawniczak, thence,
S 76-48-45 W 119.51' by said land of Lawniczak to a point at the northwest corner of said Lawniczak land, thence,
N 13-11-15 W 15.00' to a point, thence,
N 76-48-45 E 119.51' to the point of beginning.

The above described easement consisting of 1,793 SF (0.04 AC) being consistent with and is the same easement being shown as 'Parcel 4' on a plan entitled "PLAN OF ACCEPTANCE, INDIAN LAKESHORE DRIVE EXTENSION AND MUNICIPAL EASEMENTS', Hudson, Massachusetts; prepared for the Town of Hudson; prepared by Bruce Saluk & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineering & Land Surveying, 576 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA; dated December 30, 2020";

Right of Way Easement

A certain Right of Way Easement located in Hudson, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the west side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northeast corner of said easement on the westerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; thence running,

- S 13-11-15 E 29.77' along the westerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive to a point, thence,

- S 76-48-45 W 6.77' along a Planting Easement to a concrete bound with drill hole, thence,
- Counter Clockwise 47.85' along a curve with a 20.00' radius to a concrete bound with drill hole at a point of reverse curve, thence,

- Clockwise 109.40' along a curve with a 55.00' radius to Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension at a concrete bound with drill hole, thence,

- Counter Clockwise 21.92' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 60.00' radius to a point of reverse curve, thence,

- Clockwise 36.93' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 30.00' radius to a point of tangency, thence,

- N87-49-45 E 60.29' along the southerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension to a point of curvature, thence,

- Clockwise 41.36' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 30.00' radius to the point of beginning.

The above described easement consisting of 6,405 SF (0.15 AC) being consistent with and is the same easement being shown as 'Parcel 3' on a plan entitled "PLAN OF

ACCEPTANCE, INDIAN LAKESHORE DRIVE EXTENSION AND MUNICIPAL EASEMENTS', Hudson, Massachusetts; prepared for the Town of Hudson; prepared by Bruce Saluk & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineering & Land Surveying, 576 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA; dated December 30, 2020.

Right of Way and Drainage Easement

A certain Right of Way and Drainage Easement located in Hudson, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the west side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the northeast corner of said easement at the northwest corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive and the northeast corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension; thence running,

S 13-11-15 E 75.66' along the westerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive to a point at the southeast corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension, thence,

Counter Clockwise 41.36' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and the land of Edmond Chipumuro and Mercy T. Dhliwayo on a curve with a 30.00' radius to a point of tangency, thence,

S 87-49-45 W 60.29' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and said land of Chipumuro and Dhliwayo, to a point of curvature, thence,

Counter Clockwise 36.93' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and said land of Chipumuro and Dhliwayo on a curve with a 30.00' radius, to a point of reverse curve, thence,

Clockwise 21.92' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and said land of Chipumuro and Dhliwayo on curve with a 60.00' radius, to a concrete bound with drill hole, thence,

N 30-41-07 W 63.23' to a concrete bound with drill hole, thence,

N 19-34-52 W 45.37' to a point on the northerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension, thence,

Clockwise 26.63' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 60.00' radius, to a point of reverse curve, thence,

Counter Clockwise 14.28' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 30.00' radius, to a point of tangency, thence,

N 87-49-45 E 118.90' along the northerly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension to the point of beginning.

The above described easement consisting of 8,789 SF (0.20 AC) being consistent with and is the same easement being shown as 'Parcel 2' on a plan entitled "PLAN OF ACCEPTANCE, INDIAN LAKESHORE DRIVE EXTENSION AND MUNICIPAL EASEMENTS", Hudson, Massachusetts; prepared for the Town of Hudson; prepared by Bruce Saluk & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineering & Land Surveying, 576 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA; dated December 30, 2020".

Drainage Easement

A certain Drainage Easement located in Hudson, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the north side of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension; described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the southeast corner of said easement on the northly side of Indian Lakeshore Drive; thence running,

S 80-52-23 W 5.74' along the land of KCO Realty Trust, to a point at the northwest corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive and the northeast corner of Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension, thence,

S 87-49-45 W 118.90' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension and said land of KCO Realty Trust to a point of curvature, thence,

Clockwise 14.28' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 30.00' radius to a point of reverse curve, thence,

Counter Clockwise 26.63' along Indian Lakeshore Drive Extension on a curve with a 60.00' radius to a point, thence,

N 19-34-52 W 31.81' through said land of KCO Realty Trust to an Iron Rod on the southwest corner of the land of Anthony J. Woods and Eni Alves Samuel and the southeast corner of the land of William K. Kuchar, thence,

N 76-29-27 E 105.57' by said land of Woods and Samuel and the land of Janet A. Bousquet and Sean M. Trapp, to a point, thence,

S 30-24-46 E 38.99' to a point, thence,

N 87-49-45 E 49.73' to a point at the land of David C. and Terri L. Sparkes, thence,

S 05-58-47 E 26.09' by said land of Sparkes to the point of beginning.

The above described easement consisting of 6,958 SF (0.16 AC) being consistent with and is the same easement being shown as 'Parcel 1' on a plan entitled "PLAN OF ACCEPTANCE, INDIAN LAKESHORE DRIVE EXTENSION AND MUNICIPAL EASEMENTS', Hudson, Massachusetts; prepared for the Town of Hudson; prepared by Bruce Saluk & Associates, Inc. Civil Engineering & Land Surveying, 576 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough, MA; dated December 30, 2020".

Planning Board

Article 30: The Finance Committee makes no recommendation regarding the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 2-1-6.

Note: At the public meeting hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2021 the Planning Board voted to recommend the approval of this article

ARTICLE 31 Petitioned Article: Addictions Referral Center

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of \$20,000.00 to assist the Addiction Referral Center in Marlborough in its efforts to provide assistance to persons from Hudson and surrounding communities who have problems with alcohol and/or substance use disorder, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Executive Assistant and the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Petitioned by Tracey Gustafson and Ernie Kapopoulos

Article 31: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 32 Petitioned Article: Water Quality Monitoring – Assabet River

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 dollars to be expended to cover the cost of OARS Inc. for the purposed of water quality monitoring of the Assabet River in Hudson.

Petitioned by Brian White, et al.

Article 31: The Finance Committee makes no recommendation regarding the adoption of the subject matter of this article. Vote 6-3.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

And you are also directed to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the several designated polling places in their respective precincts in said Hudson, to wit:

- Precinct I Hudson High School, 69 Brigham Street
- Precinct II Glen Road Community Center, 4 Glen Road
- Precinct III David J. Quinn Middle School, 201 Manning Street
- Precinct IV Joseph P. Mulready School, 306 Cox Street
- Precinct V Forest Avenue School, 136 Forest Avenue
- Precinct VI Auditorium, Town Hall, 78 Main Street
- Precinct VII Auditorium, Town Hall, 78 Main Street

On Monday, May 10, 2021, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Selectmen, two for three years; Moderator, one for one year; School Committee, three for three years; School Committee, one for one year (to fill a vacancy); Trustees of Susan Cox, Joseph S. Bradley, J.J. Angell, Sarah A. Brown, George E.D. and Abigail E. Wilkins, Addie E. Cahill, Helen M. Lewis, Mary E. Tacey, Maude A. Whitney and Clara E. Houghton Funds, one for three years; Housing Authority one for five years; Housing Authority one for two years (to fill a vacancy); Municipal Light Board, one for three years; Park Commission, one for three years; Board of Health, one for three years; Library Trustees, one for three years; Planning Board, two for three years; Planning Board, one for one year (to fill a vacancy); Cemetery Commission, one for three years; Constable, one for three years ; Constable, one for one year (to fill a vacancy) and Board of Assessors, one for three years.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies attested by you in the following places: one at the Post Office, one at the Town House, one at the Office of the Town Clerk, and in six other public places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by publication in a newspaper published in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of February in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Joseph J. Durant, Chairman

John Parent, Vice Chairman

James D. Quinn, Clerk

Fred P. Lucy, II

Scott R. Duplisea

INTRODUCTION TO TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting is a deliberative assembly, charged with considering a number of questions of varying complexity in a reasonable period of time, and with full regard to the rights of the majority.

AUTHORITY

The three elements of authority at Town Meeting are a quorum of 150 registered voters or more, the Moderator and the Town Clerk.

The Moderator presides at and regulates the proceedings, decides all questions of order, and makes declarations of all votes. No one may speak on an issue without being recognized by the Moderator. It is his responsibility to approve the distribution of materials, and persons wishing to do so must seek his permission. The Moderator appoints Tellers and alternates for the purpose of counting votes of the meeting.

THE WARRANT

All matters to be considered at Town Meeting must be published in the Town Meeting Warrant, which is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen. The Finance Committee reviews the warrant, making recommendations on items of business to be presented. In accordance with the by-laws, all articles in the Warrant are considered in the order in which they appear in the Warrant, unless the Town Meeting, after reasons have been stated. The Moderator has full discretion to decide whether or not the motion to change the order of articles will be entertained.

PARTICIPATION

All remarks should be limited to the subject then under discussion. It is improper to indulge in references to personalities. The Moderator may request any person to keep silent. If after warning from the Moderator, a person refuses to be silent or persists in other disorderly behavior, the Moderator may order a person to withdraw and if he fails to withdraw, may order a police officer to remove such person from the Meeting. Each individual who speaks to the Meeting should try to be as brief as possible out of consideration for others attending the Meeting and the need to give adequate time to all matters coming before it.

CLASSIFIED MOTIONS

Pursuant to section 8 of article II of the by-laws of the Town of Hudson, when a question comes before Town Meeting certain motions shall be received and have precedence in the following order:

PRIVILEGED MOTIONS: These are motions that have no connection with the main motion before the Town Meeting, but are motions of such importance that they are entitled to immediate consideration. These motions have the privilege of temporarily setting aside the main business before the Town Meeting.

TO ADJOURN (decided without debate):

TO FIX THE TIME FOR ADJOURNMENT:

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS: These are motions that are used to modify or dispose of the main motion being considered. Their existence as motions depend on the main motion to which they are subordinate.

TO LAY ON THE TABLE (decided without debate)

FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION (decided without debate)

TO COMMIT

TO AMEND

TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

All motions may be withdrawn by the maker if no objection is made.

INFORMATION ON MOTIONS

A motion is the means of bringing a proposal or question before the Meeting for consideration. When put forward it is a motion; after is seconded and acknowledged by the Moderator, it becomes the question or proposal; and if it is approved by the Meeting, it becomes a resolution. Generally, no motion shall be entertained unless the subject is contained within a warrant article. The Moderator shall determine whether a motion is within the "scope of the article," that is, whether the warrant gives adequate notice that the action proposed by the motion might be taken at the Meeting. Articles only give notice and do not initiate action; motions do. Motions may be withdrawn; articles may not be.

Some motions avoid a final determination by the Meeting. A motion to commit or refer sends the matter to

an existing board or committee or one to be established. The motion to postpone indefinitely disposes of the question without bringing it to a direct vote. The motion to postpone indefinitely should not be confused with the motion to lay on the table which only temporarily delays a vote.

Pursuant to article II, section 3 of the Town of Hudson by-laws, no vote of Town Meeting shall be reconsidered except upon notice by an individual who voted with the majority thereon given within one hour of such vote at the same or succeeding session. If the individual who gives notice does not immediately make such motion, then a motion to reconsider may be made by another individual voter who voted with the majority.

Pursuant to section 4 of article II, no article in the Warrant shall be again taken into consideration after disposed of unless ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting. Pursuant to section 5 of article II, no voter shall speak more than twice upon any question without obtaining leave of Town Meeting except to correct an error or explain a point, nor until all other individuals who have not spoken and so desire have been given the opportunity to speak. Pursuant to section 6 of article II, all motions must be reduced to writing before being submitted to the Town Meeting if required by the Moderator.

Pursuant to section 9 of article II, a motion to receive the report of a committee shall put the report before Town Meeting but not discharge the committee. A vote to accept or adopt such report with or without amendment shall discharge the committee.

Pursuant to section 10 of article II, a 150-voter quorum is required to conduct business at Town Meeting. However, no quorum is needed for a motion to adjourn.

Pursuant to section 11 of article II, articles in a warrant shall be considered in order, except that the Moderator upon request and for reasons stated, may entertain a motion to consider an article out of regular order.

Pursuant to section 12 of article II and in addition to the authority already specified above, the Moderator may administer the oath of office to a town officer chosen at Town Meeting. If a vote declared by the Moderator is immediately questioned by seven or more voters, then the Moderator must verify the vote by polling voters or dividing the Town Meeting. If a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required by State Statute, the count shall be taken and the vote recorded by the Town Clerk. However, if the vote is declared to be unanimous, a count is not needed and the Town Clerk shall record the vote as unanimous unless immediately questioned by seven or more voters.

TOWN FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are used from time to time in the Annual Report and Town Meeting. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of the meaning, the following definitions are offered:

SURPLUS REVENUE: (Sometimes referred to as Excess and Deficiency Account). This fund is the amount by which the Cash, Accounts Receivable, and other assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.

AVAILABLE FUNDS: (Often called "Free Cash") This fund represents the amount of money remaining after deducting from the Surplus Revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years, taxes in litigation and court judgments. This fund is certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts and may be used to defray town costs by a vote of the Town Meeting.

OVERLAY: The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover tax abatements and exemptions granted and to avoid fractions in the tax rate.

RESERVE FUND: This is a fund established by the voters at the annual town meeting and may consist of direct appropriations or transfers. Transfers from the Reserve Fund are initiated by the Executive Assistant and require the approval of the Finance Committee. The use of the Reserve Fund is restricted to "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures".

Change of Date & Amend Quorum for the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held on February 22, 2021 the following was voted:

Selectmen to consider voting to change the date of the May Town Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Durant, seconded by Mr. Quinn, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call to change the date of Annual Town Meeting to May 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM in the High School parking lot with a rain date of May 2, 2021 (same time and place).

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held March 8, 2021 the following was voted:

Selectmen to consider taking a vote to adjust/reduce the quorum requirement for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on May 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM, Pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020 of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as approved by the Governor on June 5, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Duplisea, seconded by Mr. Durant, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote, in consultation with and with the approval of the Town Moderator, to decrease the quorum from 150 registered voters to 70 registered voters for the May 1, 2021 Annual Town Meeting.