

Special Town Meeting

WARRANT



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 AT NOON
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT
(Rain Date: Sunday, 11/15/2020 at Noon)

Town of Hudson
Finance Committee
Report and Recommendations

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee:

Robert Clark, Chairman

Steven Sharek, Vice Chairman

Claudinor Salomão, Guy Beaudette, Andrew Horvitz,

Sam Calandra, Andrew Massa, Shawn Sadowski, Jillian Jagling.

TOWN WARRANT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Middlesex, ss.

To any 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 on Town affairs, to assemble in the Hudson High School Parking Lot, Brigham Street, in said Town on

SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF

NOVEMBER, 2020

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020)

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

ARTICLE 1 FY2021 – Fund Sick and Vacation Buy-Back

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the Sick and Vacation Buy-Back account; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Finance Director
Board of Selectmen

Article 1: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting and has been updated to reflect Fiscal Year 2021 and to change the funding source from free cash to raise and appropriate.

ARTICLE 2 Amend FY2021 Budget - Lake Boon Commission

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars (\$1,667) to increase the Fiscal Year 2021 Lake Boon Commission budget, as voted at the Hudson Annual Town Meeting on June 22, 2020, to pay for 1/3 of the cost of lake patrol by the Stow Police Department, or take any action thereto.

Lake Boon Commission

Article 2: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: The entire Lake Boon Commission budget had not been forwarded to the Town by the Lake Boon Commission in time for the Annual Town Meeting warrant

ARTICLE 3 Transfer of Funds - Mulready Air Conditioning and Boiler Project

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the excess bond proceeds of \$130,000.00 from the \$395,000.00 borrowing authorized under Article 12, May 6, 2019 for Mulready Air Conditioning, per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 20 to the Mulready Boiler improvement project as authorized under Article 6, May 6, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
School Superintendent
Board of Selectmen

Article 3: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This article transfers borrowing authority from one school project to another and does not require additional funds.

ARTICLE 4 Transfer of Funds – High School Air Conditioning

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the excess proceeds of \$50,000.00 from the various school projects authorized under Article 3, May 1, 2017, and transfer the excess bond proceeds of \$80,000 from the \$395,000 borrowing authorized under article 12 May 6, 2019, per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 20, both amounts to be added to the Hudson High School Air Conditioning project as authorized under Article 11, May 6, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant

School Superintendent
Board of Selectmen

Article 4: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This article transfers borrowing authority and excess funding from two school projects to another and does not require additional funds.

ARTICLE 5 Hudson High School Air Conditioning

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 clause (1) as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$295,000 for the purpose of design and construction of air conditioning at Hudson High School, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes necessary thereto; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any state and/or federal aid that may be available therefore, including Massachusetts School Building Authority assistance; further, any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any premium applied to the payment of costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by the vote in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or to take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
School Superintendent
Board of Selectmen

Article 5: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This article supplements a previous borrowing article to account for additional costs relative.

ARTICLE 6 High School Repair Stucco & Coping Stones

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, clauses (1) and (7), as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$345,000.00 for the purposes of making repairs to the Stucco and Coping Stones at the High School, 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
School Superintendent
School Committee

Article 6: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 7-1-0

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 Water Meter Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8, clauses (6) and (7A), as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$1,500,000.00 for the purposes of purchasing and installing water meters and related software and collection equipment, 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 7: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 8 Water Main Extension

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8, clause 5, as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$1,332,000.00 for the purposes of the extension and rehabilitation of water mains, 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 8: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9 Vehicle Replacement – Heavy Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, clause 1, as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$1,110,940.00 for the purpose of purchasing and/or replacing heavy equipment, 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 9: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 7-1-0

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 10 Vehicle Replacement – Light Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and appropriate pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, clause 1, as amended or any other enabling authority the sum of \$300,631.00 for the purpose of purchasing and/or replacing light equipment, 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
Fire Chief
Board of Selectmen

Article 10: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 6-2-0

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 11 Transfers to DPW Capital Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following remaining balances totaling \$16,470.65 to Department of Public Works Capital Stabilization Fund:

\$5,583.80	ART 2 5/18 – 4WD 1-TON W/RACK & PLOW
\$6,362.80	ART 2 5/18 – 4WD 1-TON W/RACK & PLOW
\$3,799.05	ART 2 5/18 – 4WD ¾ TON PICKUP & PLOW
\$455.00	ART 2 5/18 – INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK & PLOW
\$270.00	ART 7 5/19 – DPW TRUCK 21 & TRUCK 27

Or to take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Director of Public Works
Board of Selectmen

Article 11: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 7-1-0

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 12 Community Preservation Appropriation of Funds

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from **Community Preservation** available funds the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects in fiscal year 2021, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

\$14,190.00 Stewardship of the Schofield Land on White Pond/Cranberry Land from undesignated funds;

\$14,150.00 Stewardship of the Albertini/Meers Land on Wilkins Street from undesignated funds.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee no

Article 12: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 5-2-1

Note: Community Preservation Legislation requires all land purchased with CPA funds have a Conservation Restriction on the property held by a third party. The Hudson Land Trust is the organization who will monitor the property to ensure that it is used for the purpose that it was purchased for, in perpetuity. Town Departments that have jurisdiction over the properties were involved in the process and the CR's have been approved by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

ARTICLE 13 Community Preservation Transfer to Affordable Housing

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$60,623.50 from the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing fund balance to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee

Article 13: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: From Housekeeping Article – 10% set aside for Community Housing. This is a holdover article from Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14 Appropriation From Receipts Reserved – Washington Street Debt

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$27,325.00 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 2021 debt service for Washington Street, such appropriation to reduce the property tax levy, or take any other action relative thereto

Executive Assistant

Article 14: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15 Appropriation from Receipts Reserved-Transportation Network

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$2,790.50 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 15: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

Note: This is a holdover article from the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 Curbside Trash & Recycling Five Year Contract

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health or its duly authorized agent, to enter into any contract for curbside trash and recycling for a term not to exceed five (5) years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Health

Article 16: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

ARTICLE 17 Transfer Station Leasing Contract

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to enter into any lease for the operation for the Town transfer station for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Health

Article 17: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 7-1-0

Note: By statute and historical precedent in the Town, the leasing authority has been the Board of Health, but with the same form of approval by the Board of Selectmen as Chief Executive Officer.

ARTICLE 18 School Department Food Services Five Year Contract

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Department to enter into any contract for Food Service/Meal delivery services for terms not to exceed five years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
School Superintendent

Article 18: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of this subject matter.

ARTICLE 19 Petition for a Special Act – Public Works Director Contract

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:

“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 THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN OF HUDSON DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

SECTION 1. The Town of Hudson, acting through its Executive Assistant, may enter into an employment contract with its Director of Public Works for a period of not more than three years to provide for salary, fringe benefits and other terms and conditions of employment; provided, however, that the employment contract shall not grant tenure to the person holding the position of Director of Public Works. The employment contract shall prevail over and preempt any provision of the Town of Hudson general personnel bylaw and any personnel rules or regulations established by the Town covering the subject matter contained in the employment contract. Funding for the employment contract shall be subject to annual appropriation by the Town Meeting.

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

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 19: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 7-1-0

ARTICLE 20 Conveyance of 62 Packard Street to Affordable Housing Trust

To see if the Town will vote to dispose of the real property located at 62 Packard Street, Title Reference, Book 08296 Page 0510, containing 40,000 square feet and 0.990 acreage and shown on Assessor Map 18 as Lot 10 and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey and transfer said real property to the Affordable Housing Trust for development of affordable housing, or take any action relative thereto.

Affordable Housing Trust

Article 20: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 4-2-2

ARTICLE 21 Acquisition of Property – Hudson Armory

To see if the Town will vote to acquire or accept by gift the Hudson Armory located at 35 Washington Street, Title Reference, Book 3529 Page 381, Plan reference 3529 book end,

containing 1.88 acres more or less, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to request a special act to do this, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 21: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 5-1-2

ARTICLE 22 Road Acceptance Of A Portion of Exeter Road

To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout for a portion of Exeter Road as a town way, as shown on Plan entitled "Acceptance Plan of a Portion of Exeter Road in Hudson, MA" and accept associated easements and parcel of land designated A1 on said plan prepared by Thomas Dipersio, Jr. & Associates, 641 Concord Road, Marlborough, MA 01752, Date: January 20, 2020, Scale: 1" = 40', 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 portion of Exeter Road

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Exeter Road, approximately 717.16 feet from, Brenton Wood Road,

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 175.00 feet and an arc length of 88.27 feet to a point of reverse curvature;

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 225.00 feet and an arc length of 392.97 feet to a point of reverse curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 155.00 feet and an arc length of 169.03 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence S. 01° 54' 36" E. 150.00 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 350.00 feet and an arc length of 103.85 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence S. 15° 05' 24" W. 256.51 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 225.00 feet and an arc length of 107.99 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence S. 42° 35' 24" W. 160.23 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 205.00 feet and an arc length of 341.69 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet and an arc length of 39.27 feet to point on the side line of Forbes Road;

Thence N. 48° 05' 24" E. 100.00 feet along the side line of Forbes Road to a point;

Thence southwest along a curve to the left having a radius of 25.00 feet and an arc length of 39.27 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 155.00 feet and an arc length of 258.35 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence N. 42° 35' 24" E. 160.23 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 175.00 feet and an arc length of 83.99 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence N. 15° 05' 24" E. 256.51 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 300.00 feet and an arc length of 89.01 feet to a point of tangency;

Thence N. 01° 54' 36" W. 150.00 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 205.00 feet and an arc length of 223.55 feet to a point of reverse curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 175.00 feet and an arc length of 305.64 feet to a point of reverse curvature;

Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 225.00 feet and an arc length of 110.13 feet to a point;

Thence N. 75° 33' 04" E. 50.09 feet across Exeter Road to the point of beginning. Said portion of Exeter Road being 86,717.23 square feet in area.

Drain Easement

Beginning at a point of curvature on the westerly sideline of Exeter Road, which is 541.84 feet along the sideline of Exeter Road from Forbes Road;

Thence S. 78° 21' 03" W. 84.43 feet to a point;

Thence S. 39° 32' 12" W. 122.84 feet to a point;

Thence S. 08° 51' 25" E. 80.01 feet to a point on the westerly sideline of Exeter Road;

Thence along the westerly sideline of Exeter Road N. 42° 35' 24" E. 160.23 feet to a point of curvature;

Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 175.00 feet and an arc length of 83.99 feet to the point of beginning.

Said Drain Easement being 12,160.87 square feet in area.

30 foot Wide Drain Easement

Beginning at a point on the easterly sideline of Exeter Road, which is 1,043.89 feet along the sideline of Exeter Road from Forbes Road;

Thence along the easterly sideline of Exeter Road N. 01° 54' 36" W. 49.59 feet to a point; Thence N. 35° 18' 50" E. 53.93 feet to a point; Thence S. 56° 35' 24" W. 30.02 feet to a point;

Thence S. 35° 18' 50" W. 94.42 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Exeter Road which is the point of beginning.

Said Drain Easement being 2,225.20 square feet in area.

30 foot Wide Drain Easement

Beginning at a point on the easterly sideline of Exeter Road, which is 679.18 feet along the sideline of Exeter Road from Forbes Road;

Thence along the easterly sideline of Exeter Road N. 15° 05' 24" E. 30.00 feet to a point; Thence S. 74° 54' 36" E. 30.00 feet to a point; Thence S. 15° 05' 24" W. 30.00 feet to a point;

Thence N. 74° 54' 36" W. 30.00 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Exeter Road which is the point of beginning.

Said Drain Easement being 900.00 square feet in area.

30 foot Wide Drain Easement

Beginning at a point on the westerly sideline of Exeter Road, which is 1,260.92 feet along the sideline of Exeter Road from Forbes Road;

Thence N. 46° 00' 15" W. 87.53 feet to a point;

Thence S. 59° 53' 07" W. 120.85 feet to a point;

Thence N. 30° 06' 53" W. 30.00 feet to a point;

Thence N. 59° 53' 07" E. 143.45 feet to a point;

Thence S. 46° 00' 15" E. 116.33 feet to a point;

Thence along the westerly sideline of Exeter Road, by a curve to the right having a radius of 175.00 feet and an arc length of 30.61 feet to a point of reverse curvature which is the point of beginning.

Said Drain Easement being 7,030.85 square feet in area.

Drain Easement

Beginning at a point easterly sideline of Exeter Road, which is 1,659.24 feet along the sideline of Exeter Road from Forbes Road;

Thence along the easterly sideline of Exeter Road by a curve to the left having a radius of 225.00 feet and an arc length of 17.00 feet to a point;

Thence N. 64° 39' 12" E. 60.05 feet to a point;

Thence S. 16° 55' 03" E. 45.00 feet to a point;

Thence N. 88° 03' 06" W. 60.00 feet to a point on the westerly sideline of Exeter Road which is the point of beginning.

Said Drain Easement being 1,786.07 square feet in area.

Parcel A1

Beginning at a point easterly sideline of Exeter Road, which is 717.16 feet along the sideline of Exeter Road from Brenton Wood Road;

Thence N. 77° 47' 15" E. 262.04 feet to a point;

Thence by land formerly of MBTA, by a curve to the right having a radius of 1298.94 feet and an arc length of 80.78 feet to a point;

Thence N. 47° 23' 59" W. 86.40 feet to a point;

Thence S. 77° 47' 15" W. 207.23 feet to a point on the easterly sideline of Exeter Road;

Thence along the easterly sideline of Exeter Road, by a curve to the right having a radius of 175.00 feet and an arc length of 10.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4,563.6 square feet more or less.

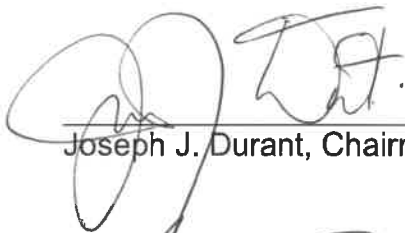
Planning Board

Article 22: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of this subject matter. Vote 7-0-1


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, Fourteen 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.

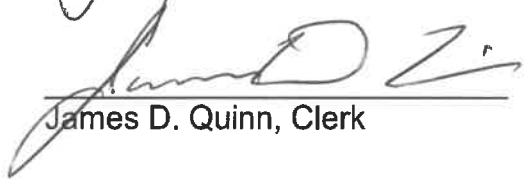
Given under our hands this 28th day of September signed by the Selectmen in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.




Joseph J. Durant, Chairman



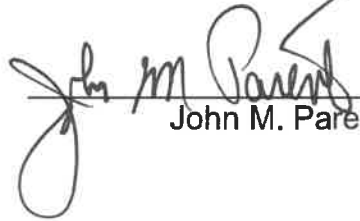
Scott R. Duplsea, Vice Chairman



James D. Quinn, Clerk



Fred P. Lucy, II



John M. Parent

Change of Date & Amend Quorum for the November 2020 Special Town Meeting

At the Board of Selectmen's meeting held October 19, 2020 the following was voted:

Selectmen to consider taking a vote to adjust/reduce the quorum requirement for the Special Town Meeting to be held on November 16, 2020 at 7:30PM, 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. Durant, seconded by Mr. Duplisea, the Board voted 4-0 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 November 2020 Special Town Meeting.

Selectmen to discuss the logistics for the November Special Town Meeting

On a motion by Duplisea, seconded by Durant, the Board voted 4-0 by roll call to change the date and location from November 16, 2020 Special Town Meeting at 7:30PM at the Hudson High School located at 69 Brigham Street, to Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Noon at the Hudson High School Parking Lot on 69 Brigham Street. The Board also voted a rain date of Sunday, November 15, 2020

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 votes otherwise, 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 make an effort 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 lie 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 neither 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".