

# **Annual Town Meeting WARRANT**



**Town of Hudson**  
Annual Town Meeting  
**Monday, May 1, 2006**

**Finance Committee  
Report and Recommendations**

**Finance Committee Preamble**

*To the People of Hudson, Greetings:*

We have reviewed the FY07 Budget, capital items, warrant articles, and have made our recommendations.

As we enter FY07 the cumulative loss of state aid since FY03 is 5.6MM. At the same time state charges and assessments increased by 1.8MM, Due to the loss of these funds more reliance must be shifted to property taxes and local receipts. Looking beyond FY07 we are mindful of a substantial reduction in our stabilization fund and excess capacity. The FY07 budget proposal is a level service budget at best with no additional personnel proposed. The increased cost of benefits for personnel has increased by 127% from FY01 to FY07. The Town Of Hudson continues be strong in many key areas. Moody's Investor Service has upgraded the Town of Hudson's long-term rating from A1 to A2 in recognition of the town's strong administration during a period of time when the Commonwealth reduced aid to municipalities. Standard and Poor's analysts also upgraded the town's bond rating last year.

Continued cooperation from all departments is essential for the town to move forward in difficult times.

Capital Items: Two of the proposed items (new fire pumper and funds for roadway resurfacing) were deferred from FY06. Most, if not all, capital items are in a "pay me now or pay me later" category. Deferrals of needed items only mean increased costs.

Warrant article 20: recommendation will be made at town meeting.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

John Parent, Chairman

Lawrence Norris, Vice Chairman, Stephen Domenicucci, Michael Downey, John Hart, David Provencher, Barbara Rose, Claudinor Salomao, Justin Provencher

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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

**MONDAY, the First day of**

**MAY**

**in the year 2006**

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Then and there to act on the following articles to wit:

***ARTICLE 1 FY07 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 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, 2006 and ending on June 30, 2007; and raise and appropriate or  
take from available funds the money needed to carry into effect the provisions of this  
article, or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 Actual</u>	<u>FY06 Budget</u>	<u>EA Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>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			4,269	4,870	4,870	4,870
		3,993	3,841				
<b>Selectmen Total</b>		12,993	12,841	13,269	13,870	13,870	13,870
3 Executive Assistant	Personnel	278,062	261,928	333,645	343,810	343,810	343,810
4 Executive Assistant	Expenses	7,473	7,331	8,055	8,344	8,344	8,344
5 Election&Town Mtg.	Personnel	17,138	25,305	10,956	33,251	33,251	33,251
6 Election&Town Mtg.	Expenses	6,607	6,880	6,800	8,734	8,734	8,734
9 Legal Services	Expenses	202,649	223,763	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
10 Bldg. Maintenance	Personnel	35,957	39,450	43,239	44,962	44,962	44,962
11 Bldg. Maintenance	Expenses	135,893	120,329	116,293	139,514	139,514	139,514
12 Personnel Expense	Expenses	20,041	11,303	14,753	14,753	14,753	14,753
<b>Executive Assistant Total</b>		703,820	696,289	718,741	778,368	778,368	778,368
13 Finance/IT Department	Personnel	541,579	565,896	596,265	615,811	615,811	615,811
14 Finance/IT Department	Expenses	100,645	126,151	125,800	128,053	128,053	128,053
<b>Finance/IT Total</b>		642,224	692,047	722,065	743,864	743,864	743,864
15 Town Clerk	Personnel	112,165	116,215	99,465	103,997	103,997	103,997
16 Town Clerk	Expenses	8,127	8,248	8,730	8,698	8,698	8,698
<b>Town Clerk Total</b>		120,292	124,463	108,195	112,695	112,695	112,695
17 Moderator	Expenses	96	-	110	110	110	110
18 Finance Committee	Expenses	205	231	855	855	855	855
19 Board of Assessors	Personnel	20,539	23,000	23,700	24,400	24,400	24,400
20 Board of Assessors	Expenses	50,507	52,819	57,550	60,600	60,600	60,600
21 Board of Appeals	Expenses	374	1,055	1,100	3,900	3,900	3,900
22 Cons. Com.	Personnel	-	23,931	26,924	32,451	32,451	32,451 <sup>1</sup>
23 Cons. Com.	Expenses				4,000	4,000	4,000
24 Planning Board	Expenses	3,281	3,599	3,600	10,200	10,200	10,200
25 Municipal Light Brd.	Personnel	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,900	3,900	3,900
26 Econ. Devl. Com.	Personnel	3,050	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
27 Econ. Devl. Com.	Expenses	1,632	2,150	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
28 Fort Meadow Com.	Expenses	1,597	1,581	1,750	1,900	1,900	1,900
29 Lake Boon Com.	Expenses	1,498	5	1,728	1,728	1,728	1,728
30 Historic Distr. Com.	Expenses	200	250	500	500	500	500
31 Cultural Council	Expenses	2,500	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
<b>Board &amp; Committee Total</b>		89,229	118,871	131,267	154,244	154,244	154,244

<sup>1</sup> Recommend that \$ 7,000 be taken from Conservation Receipts and applied to Line Number 22: Conservation Commission Personnel.

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 Actual</u>	<u>FY06 Budget</u>	<u>EA Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Fin Com Recommend</u>
32 Police Department	Personnel	2,232,158	2,319,285	2,454,146	2,538,900	2,538,900	2,538,900
33 Police Department	Expenses	219,500	235,655	236,720	262,123	262,123	262,123
<b>Police Department Total</b>		2,451,658	2,554,940	2,690,866	2,801,023	2,801,023	2,801,023
34 Fire Department	Personnel	1,947,560	2,109,883	2,147,756	2,184,906	2,184,906	2,184,906
35 Fire Department	Expenses	151,071	187,728	194,297	220,036	220,036	220,036
<b>Fire Department Total</b>		2,098,631	2,297,611	2,342,053	2,404,942	2,404,942	2,404,942
36 Inspections Dept.	Personnel	154,007	117,571	113,001	123,595	123,595	123,595
37 Inspections Dept.	Expenses	5,678	6,638	6,354	12,165	12,165	12,165
<b>Inspections Department Total</b>		159,685	124,209	119,355	135,760	135,760	135,760
38 DPW Snow & Ice	Personnel	228,913	325,062	199,006	199,006	199,006	199,006
39 DPW Snow & Ice	Expenses	169,500	301,214	127,500	127,500	127,500	127,500
40 Public Works	Personnel			2,186,027	2,282,337	2,282,337	2,282,337 <sup>2</sup>
		1,950,956	2,001,119				
41 Public Works	Expenses			1,796,720	1,977,805	1,977,805	1,977,805
		1,766,522	1,839,859				
<b>Public Works Department Total</b>		4,115,891	4,467,254	4,309,253	4,586,648	4,586,648	4,586,648
42 Board of Health	Personnel	15,600	32,934	58,462	61,727	61,727	61,727
43 Board of Health	Expenses	58,014	39,730	17,350	39,365	39,365	39,365
<b>Board of Health Total</b>		73,614	72,664	75,812	101,092	101,092	101,092
44 Council on Aging	Personnel	147,402	153,138	161,635	162,747	162,747	162,747
45 Council on Aging	Expenses	15,086	15,835	17,644	20,821	20,821	20,821
<b>Council on Aging Total</b>		162,488	168,973	179,279	183,568	183,568	183,568
46 Veterans' Services	Personnel	51,599	60,157	38,542	43,548	43,548	43,548
47 Veterans' Services	Expenses	48,393	68,876	50,500	52,100	52,100	52,100
<b>Veterans' Services Total</b>		99,992	129,033	89,042	95,648	95,648	95,648
48 Library	Personnel	380,364	391,844	409,049	425,119	425,119	425,119
49 Library	Expenses	148,063	153,056	159,493	173,307	173,307	173,307
<b>Library Department Total</b>		528,427	544,900	568,542	598,426	598,426	598,426

<sup>2</sup> Recommend that \$ 15,500 be taken from Perpetual Care Receipts and applied to Line Number 40: Public Works, Personnel.

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 Actual</u>	<u>FY06 Budget</u>	<u>EA Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Fin Com Recommend</u>
50 Recreation	Personnel	173,971	183,175	190,420	194,780	194,780	194,780
51 Recreation	Expenses	37,781	37,927	44,268	48,207	48,207	48,207
<b>Recreation Department Total</b>		211,752	221,102	234,688	242,987	242,987	242,987
52 Debt Service	Expenses	3,185,047	3,189,884	4,245,891	3,832,428	3,832,428	3,832,428 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Debt Total</b>		3,185,047	3,189,884	4,245,891	3,832,428	3,832,428	3,832,428
53 Contrib. Retirement & Pensions	Expenses	1,844,497	2,024,519	2,197,938	2,526,518	2,526,518	2,526,518 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Pension Total</b>		1,844,497	2,024,519	2,197,938	2,526,518	2,526,518	2,526,518
54 Group Health Ins.	Expenses	2,188,297	2,434,561	2,704,190	2,837,213	2,837,213	2,837,213 <sup>5</sup>
55 General Insurance	Expenses	515,991	579,554	621,723	599,209	599,209	599,209
<b>Insurance Total</b>		2,704,288	3,014,115	3,325,913	3,436,422	3,436,422	3,436,422
		<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 Actual</u>	<u>FY06 Budget</u>	<u>School Committee Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>FinCom Recommend</u>
56 Assabet Valley Regional Tech.	Expenses	1,648,473	1,523,650	1,611,216	1,631,066	1,631,066	1,631,066
<b>Assabet Valley Regional Total</b>		1,648,473	1,523,650	1,611,216	1,631,066	1,631,066	1,631,066
57 Hudson Schools Net Spending	Personnel	16,943,044	18,166,217	19,590,947	20,500,622	20,500,622	20,500,622 <sup>6</sup>
58 Hudson Schools Net Spending	Expenses	3,640,435	3,113,403	2,701,285	3,122,836	3,122,836	3,122,836
<b>Schools Net Spending Total</b>		20,583,479	21,279,620	22,292,232	23,623,458	23,623,458	23,623,458
59 Hudson Schools Transportation	Expenses	992,423	1,008,009	1,035,595	972,305	972,305	972,305
<b>Transportation Total</b>		992,423	1,008,009	1,035,595	972,305	972,305	972,305
<b>Hudson Public Schools Total</b>		21,575,902	22,287,629	23,327,827	24,595,763	24,595,763	24,595,763
<b>Total Operations</b>		<b>42,428,903</b>	<b>44,264,994</b>	<b>47,011,212</b>	<b>48,975,332</b>	<b>48,975,332</b>	<b>48,975,332</b>

<sup>3</sup> Recommend that \$ 28,860 be taken from Sale of Real Estate and applied to Line Number 52: Debt Service.

<sup>4</sup> Recommend that \$ 225,000 be taken from Light & Power Surplus and \$ 247,182 from Pension Reserve and applied to Line Number 53: Contributory Retirement.

<sup>5</sup> Recommend that \$500,000 be taken from the Stabilization Fund and applied to Line Number 5: Group Health Insurance.

<sup>6</sup> Recommend that \$ \$1,466,993 be taken from Free Cash and applied to Line Number 57: Hudson Schools Net Spending Personnel.

**ARTICLE 2 Capital Plan**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sums needed to purchase items of equipment, and make Capital Improvements requested by the various departments, by taking from Available Funds the sum of Six Hundred and Forty Five Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars (\$645,159) and by transferring the total sum of Two Hundred, Eighty Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Four Dollars (\$287,424) said amount having been appropriated under various articles as noted below; to be used for the purposes as described below to carry into effect the provisions of this article:

<b>Department:</b>	<b>Project:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Source of Funds:</b>	<b>Fin Com Vote:</b>
<b>DPW</b>	Roadway Resurfacing	\$200,000	Available Funds	9-0
	4 WD Utility	\$25,100	Available Funds	9-0
	Front End Loader	\$150,000	Available Funds	9-0
	Sander	\$100,250		9-0
	1-Ton 4WD	\$41,400		9-0
<b>Fire</b>	Fire Pumper 1250 GPM	\$330,000	Transfer \$237,750 from Article 17 of the 11/19/01 Town Meeting, and transfer \$49,674 from Article 2 of the 5/03/04 Town Meeting.	9-0
<b>Police</b>	Police Cruisers (3)	\$85,833	Available Funds	9-0
<b><u>Total Capital:</u></b>		<b>\$932,583</b>		

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant, Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 3 Article 2: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$932,583 be appropriated as specified above.**



**ARTICLE 3 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 One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to carry into effect the provisions of this article; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

***Article 3: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be raised and appropriated to carry into effect the provisions of this article.***

**ARTICLE 4 Stabilization Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), said sum to be transferred to the Stabilization Fund; Or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

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

**ARTICLE 5 Borrowing for School Administration Building**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the borrowing, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause (3A), or any other enabling authority, of the sum of Six Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$631,000), and, to use said sum for the purpose of funding the design, remodeling, reconstruction, extraordinary repairs, and equipping, of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning system of the existing School Administration Building, and to further see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to apply for and accept any State and/or Federal aid that may be available therefore; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
School Committee  
Board of Selectmen

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

***ARTICLE 6 Supplemental Appropriation – Veteran’s Services Expense***

To see if the Town will take from available funds the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) said sum to be added to the amount voted under Line 46, Veteran’s Services Expenses, of Article 1 of the Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005;

Or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Veteran’s Director

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

***ARTICLE 7 Increased Authorization – Inspection Fees Offset Receipts***

To see if the Town will vote to increase from Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) the amounts authorized under Article 9 of the Town Meeting held on May 2, 2005, to be utilized to fund the cost of providing plumbing, electrical, and building inspections by part-time qualified inspectors through the period ending June 30, 2006 in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E as authorized in Article 14 of the Town Meeting of May 2, 1988; or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Building Commissioner

***Article 7: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

***ARTICLE 8 Appropriate Funds for Main Street Pedestrian Light Design***

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for expenses incurred in support of the Assabet River Rail Trail and in preparing design plans and documents to install a pedestrian light at the Trail’s intersection with Main Street; or take any action relative thereto

Executive Assistant  
Director of Community Development

***Article 8: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

**ARTICLE 9 Youth Sports**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Four Thousand and Three Hundred Dollars (\$4,300) to support Youth Sports, administered through the Park Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

Director of Recreation  
Park Commission  
Board of Selectmen

***Article 9: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

**ARTICLE 10 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, 2007, 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, 2006, an amount not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) of the same shall be transferred to the Light and Power Surplus Account.

Municipal Light Board  
Board of Selectmen

***Article 10: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

**ARTICLE 11 Cable Television Receipts**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to deposit any payments required of any Hudson Cable Television Licensee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Said payments shall constitute the Hudson Cable Television Services Fund and shall be utilized for the purposes set forth and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified within the license agreements between the licensee and the Town. And further to see if the Town will authorize the Hudson Cable Committee to expend those funds under the direction and with the approval of the Executive Assistant and Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

***Article 11: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

**ARTICLE 12 Revolving Fund Articles**

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize the use of revolving fund accounts pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 as amended for the purposes, maximum expenditure, and authority to spend as outlined in the table below. Funds expended for these purposes may be used independently or in conjunction with other public or private funds provided for these same purposes.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Max Amount</b>	<b>Source of Fees and Use of Funds</b>	<b>Authority to Expend Funds</b>
Hazardous Materials Revolving Fund	\$20,000	Applying fees received for services provided at hazardous material release incidents, contingency planning activities, site assessments, and public training for replacement of equipment, materials, and the costs of labor involved with personnel.	Fire Chief
Fire Alarm Revolving Fund	\$30,000	Applying fees received from users of the services provided by the Fire Department's Fire Alarm Division for the extension of the Municipal Fire Alarm System through June 30, 2007.	Fire Chief
I/I Revolving Fund	\$250,000	Applying fees received for Sewer Extension Permits to the reduction of Infiltration and Inflow into the Wastewater Collection System throughout the Town and expending funds for technical assistance and or direct mitigation of existing sources of Infiltration and Inflow.	DPW Director
Real Estate Tax File Revolving Fund	\$15,000	Applying fees received for Electronic Real Estate Tax Files to the printing of Real Estate Tax Bills and for the printing, stuffing and mailing of Real Estate Tax Bills.	Finance Director
Inspections Fees	\$75,000	Applying fees charged to the recipients of inspections to be utilized to fund the cost of providing plumbing, electrical, and building inspections by part-time qualified inspectors through the period ending June 30, 2007.	Building Commissioner
School Department Professional Development Fund	\$20,000	To support Professional Development Programs within the Hudson Public Schools; To hire instructors, purchase instructional materials, reimburse travel and lodging costs, and other expenses as incurred in the development and operation of these programs.	Superintendent

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant, Fire Chief  
Finance Director, DPW Director  
Board of Selectmen, Building  
Commissioner, School Committee

**Article 12: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.**

***ARTICLE 13 Affordable Housing Trust Fund***

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 55C, to establish a trust to be known as the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The purpose of this trust is to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing for the benefit of low and moderate income households; or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Community Development  
Planning Director  
Board of Selectmen

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

***ARTICLE 14 Annual Town Reports***

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

Board of Selectmen

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

***ARTICLE 15 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, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, as amended, and to issue a note or notes therefor, 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 15: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

***ARTICLE 16 Amend Intel Economic Opportunity Area***

To see if the Town will vote to: (a) amend the previously designated Economic Opportunity Area, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 23A, sections 3A through 3H, for a term of twenty years the land at 75 Reed Road, Hudson, containing approximately 148.709 acres, shown on Assessor's Map 41, Parcel 33; and (b) designate said Economic Opportunity Area as a Tax Increment Financing Zone and adopt, for the purpose of protecting and growing the job base and tax base of the town, a Tax Increment Financing Plan entitled "Plan to Promote the Economic Stability and Growth of the Semiconductor Industrial Sector Economic Opportunity Area and TIF Zone," dated September, 1999, as amended February 2006, on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

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

***ARTICLE 17 Amend Intel Tax Increment Financing Agreement***

To see if the Town will vote to: (a) approve the amendments to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement between Intel Massachusetts, Inc. and the Town of Hudson on file with the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk; (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend and then execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto, and to take such other actions as are necessary or appropriate to implement those documents; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend, approve and certify proposed projects as provided in the TIF Plan and to apply to the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Economic Development Incentives Program for approval and designation of the Economic Opportunity Area, TIF Zone, TIF Plan, and any certified projects, and take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

***Article 17: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.***

***ARTICLE 18 Acquire Easements for Houghton Street Bridge***

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or take by eminent domain easements on and over certain parcels of land and interests therein for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way for the reconstruction of the Houghton Street Bridge over the Assabet River. Said land area comprises fourteen (14) parcels located in the Town of Hudson, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts.

Parcel E-1, contains approximately 4+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 40, Parcel 122 now or formerly owned by Thomas Taylor and Sons, Inc.; Parcel TE-1 contains approximately 2245 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 40, Parcel 122 now or formerly owned by Thomas Taylor and Sons, Inc.; Parcel AT-1 contains approximately 1415 square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E-2, contains approximately 45 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 247 now or formerly owned by N.C. Lawrence Limited Partnership; Parcel TE-2, contains approximately 482 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 247 now or formerly owned by N.C. Lawrence Limited Partnership; Parcel AT-2 contains approximately 340 square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E-3, contains approximately 250 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 224 now or formerly owned by Larkin Lumber Co., Inc.; Parcel TE-3, contains approximately 1982 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 224 now or formerly owned by Larkin Lumber Co., Inc.; Parcel AT-3 contains approximately 333 square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E-4, contains approximately 46 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 217 now or formerly owned by Charles Christie; Parcel TE-4, contains approximately 1263 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 217 now or formerly owned by Charles Christie; Parcel AT-4 contains approximately 640 square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel TE-5, contains approximately 490 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 215 now or formerly owned by Maria P. Rego and Clara R. Murphy; Parcel TE-6, contains approximately 920 square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 214 now or formerly owned by Antonio F. and Helena M. Resendes. Said parcels are shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Highway Department, Houghton Street Bridge over Assabet River H-25-04, Right of Way Property Plan" a copy of said plan being on file with the Town Clerk's Office;

And notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Article I, Section 6.07 of the Town By-Laws, that the Selectmen as Law Committee of the Town have full and exclusive power and authority, as agents for the Town, to defend, settle, compromise, make agreements and order payments of any and all claims, suits and actions which may exist or arise from or on account of the acquisition by gift, lease, purchase or taking by eminent domain the parcel of land with structures and trees thereon, if any, and any easements or other rights to be taken for the purposes set forth in this Article;

And further to see if the Town will vote to take from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to carry out the provisions of this article; Or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works  
Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

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

***ARTICLE 19 Accept Gift of Conservation Land – Rivers Edge Parcel B1***

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift for conservation purposes, to be held in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission under Mass. General Laws, Ch. 40 §8C, a certain parcel of land in Hudson situated on the Northerly side of Brigham Street consisting of 8.5 acres, more or less, generally known as Rivers Edge Estates, Parcel B1; said parcel being donated by William F. Glynn and Charles V. Freeman

Trustees of Rivers Edge Realty Trust for conservation purposes. Parcel is to be conveyed to the Town prior to the issuance of the final Occupancy Permit for the Rivers Edge Estates subdivision. Said parcel is shown as Parcel B1 on a plan entitled "*Plan of Land in Hudson, MA Owned by Charles V. Freeman and William F. Glynn Trustees of Rivers Edge Realty Trust. Scale 1" = 60', Dated January 17, 2006, plan by InLand Survey, Inc., d/b/a Zanca Land Surveying, 16 Gleasondale Road, Suite 1-2, Stow, MA 01775*", and further described as follows:

Beginning at a point at land of N/F Brigham and Parcel C;

Thence running by Parcel C S39°45'33"E 431.85' to a point;  
Thence running S31°11'33"E 50.31' to a point;  
Thence running S74°53'58"E 49.97' to a point;  
Thence running S28°09'54"E 12.15' to a point;  
Thence running S44°19'06"E 84.98' to a point;  
Thence running S56°41'56"E 62.44' to a point;  
Thence running S40°47'18"E 26.58' to a point;  
Thence running S59°11'33"E 130.17' to a point;  
Thence running S45°32'20"W 158.16' to a point;  
Thence running S85°09'02"W 408.88' to a point;  
Thence running N18°03'28"W 258.34' to a point;  
Thence running N56°41'50"W 279.05' to a point;  
Thence running S87°06'27"W 123.20' to a point;  
Thence running S66°19'31"W 219.44' to a point;  
Thence running S34°06'48"W 498.47' to a point;  
Thence running S35°51'13"W 121.11' to a point;  
Thence running S23°45'49"E 60.33' to a point;  
Thence running S17°17'48"E 66.50' to a point on the northerly side of Brigham Street the last 18 courses by Parcel C;  
Thence running by the northerly side of Brigham Street and Parcel C S85°58'59"W 10.27' to a found drill hole at a stonewall at Old Town Road;  
Thence running by a stonewall N17°17'48"W 63.57' to a found drill hole;  
Thence running still by said stonewall N23°45'49"W 204.91' to a point on said stonewall;  
Thence running still by said stonewall N25°00'00"W 31.33' to a point at the end of said stonewall at land of the Town of Hudson the last three courses were by said Old Town Road;  
Thence running by the land of the Town of Hudson N52°00'00"E 368.00' to a found iron pipe;  
Thence running still by the land of the Town of Hudson N10°00'00"W 59.65' to a found iron pipe at land N/F Brigham;  
Thence running by land of N/F Brigham N55°29'26"E 864.56' to the point of beginning.

Or take any action thereto.

Conservation Commission  
Executive Assistant  
Board of Selectmen

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



**ARTICLE 20 Amend Zoning By-Laws**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, pursuant to Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as follows:

By striking from Appendix A the description of Zoning District C-11 in its entirety, the description of Zoning District SA-7 (I) in its entirety, and the description of Zoning District SA-8 (III) in its entirety;

And by adding new descriptions as follows:

**COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**C-11**

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Washington Street, 214.4' southerly from the intersection of Brigham Street and at land now or formerly of Stephen Grossman;  
Thence southwesterly by the northerly boundary line of land now or formerly of Stephen Grossman to an angle point;  
Thence southerly by the westerly boundary line of land now or formerly of Stephen Grossman to a point at the intersection of land now or formerly of 151 Washington Street Realty Trust;  
Thence westerly by the northerly boundary line of land now or formerly of 151 Washington Street Realty Trust to an angle point;  
Thence southerly by the westerly boundary lines now or formerly of 151 Washington Street Realty Trust and Cellucci Hudson Corp. to a point on the westerly side of the former Boston and Maine Railroad;  
Thence southerly crossing the former Boston and Maine Railroad to a point at the intersection of land now or formerly of G. Bonazzoli & Sons, Inc.;  
Thence southerly by the easterly side of the former Boston and Maine Railroad to a point at the intersection of land now or formerly of Florence and Leslie Brigham and the Route 85 Connector;  
Thence easterly by the northerly side of the Route 85 Connector to a point at the intersection of the westerly side of Washington Street;  
Thence northerly by the westerly side of Washington Street to the point of beginning.

And

**SINGLE RESIDENCE SA-7 (I)**

Beginning at a point on the Hudson-Berlin line at the end of Chapin Road;  
Thence southwesterly by the Hudson-Berlin line to a point on the easterly side of Dudley Road;  
Thence southerly by the easterly side of Dudley Road to a point on the northerly side of River Road;  
Thence southwesterly by the northerly side of River Road to a point on the easterly side of Interstate Route 495;  
Thence southerly by the easterly side of Route 495 to a corner on the Marlboro-Hudson line;  
Thence easterly by the Marlboro-Hudson line to a corner at Residence District SA-8, said point being 200' westerly of Washington Street;  
Thence northerly 200' from and parallel to Washington Street and along District SA-8 to a point at the intersection of the Rio-Kerdok property line extended;  
Thence westerly by said property line extension to a point being 300 feet west of Washington Street;  
Thence northerly 300 feet from and parallel to Washington Street; to a point on the southerly side of formerly Hudson Street;  
Thence northeasterly crossing the Route 85 Connector to a point at the intersection of the westerly side of Washington Street;  
Thence westerly by the northerly side of the Route 85 Connector to a point at the intersection of

land now or formerly of Florence and Leslie Brigham and the former Boston and Maine Railroad;  
Thence northerly by the easterly side of the former Boston and Maine Railroad to a point at the intersection of the Railroad and land now or formerly of G. Bonazzoli & Sons, Inc.;  
Thence northerly crossing the Railroad to a point at the intersection of Boston and Maine Railroad and Hudson Cellucci Corp.;  
Thence northerly by the westerly boundary lines of land now or formerly of Hudson Cellucci Corp. and 151 Washington Street Realty Trust to an angle point ;  
Thence easterly by the northerly boundary line of land now or formerly of 151 Washington Street Realty Trust to a point at the intersection of land now or formerly of Stephen Grossman;  
Thence northerly by the westerly boundary line of land now or formerly of Stephen Grossman to an angle point;  
Thence northeasterly by the northerly boundary line of land now or formerly of Stephen Grossman to a point on the westerly side of Washington Street;  
Thence northerly by the westerly side of Washington Street a distance of 214.40 feet to a point at the intersection with the southerly side of Brigham Street;  
Thence westerly by the southerly side of Brigham Street to a point at the intersection Brigham Street and the westerly side of Park Street;  
Thence still by the northerly side of said Brigham Street southwesterly to a point at District SB-1, said point being 1,000' westerly of Chapin Road;  
Thence northerly by District SB-1 to a corner at the Assabet River;  
Thence northeasterly by the Assabet River 1,000' to a corner on the westerly side of Chapin Road;  
Thence northerly by the westerly side of Chapin Road to the point of beginning.

A plan of said proposed district, entitled "Town of Hudson GIS map of proposed C-II, and SA-7(1) Districts" Dated January 30, 2006 is on file at the Office of the Town Clerk's office for reference; Or take any action relative thereto.

Planning Board

***Article 20: The Finance Committee will make its recommendation at Town Meeting.***

***ARTICLE 21 Petitioned Article - Addictions Referral Center***

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to assist the Addictions Referral Center in Marlboro in its efforts to provide assistance to persons from Hudson and surrounding communities who have problems with alcohol and/or other substance abuse, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Executive Assistant and the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

Petitioned by Catherine A Warner, et. al.

***Article 21: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) be taken from available funds.***

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, Brigham Street  
Precinct II Glen Road Community Center, 4 Glen Road  
Precinct III J.F.K. School, Manning Street  
Precinct IV Joseph P. Mulready School, Cox Street  
Precinct V Forest Avenue School, Forest Avenue  
Precinct VI Auditorium, Town Hall, 78 Main Street  
Precinct VII Auditorium, Town Hall, 78 Main Street

On Monday, May 8th, 2006, 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; 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; Municipal Light Board, one for three years; Municipal Light Board one for two years (to fill a vacancy); 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; Cemetery Commission, one for three years; Constable, one for three years; 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year Two Thousand Six.***

***BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS***

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Joseph J. Durant , Chairman

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Santino Parente, Vice-Chairman

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Antonio S. Loura , Clerk

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Carl J. Leeber

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Fred P. Lucy, II

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## **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 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 PREVENTION 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".