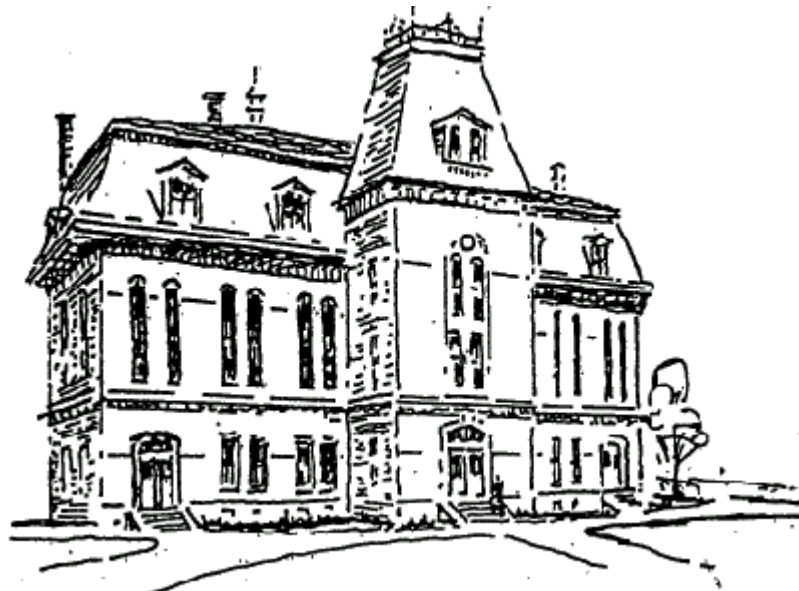


Annual Town Meeting WARRANT



Town of Hudson
Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2005

**Finance Committee
Report and Recommendations**

Finance Committee Preamble

To the People of Hudson, Greetings:

We have reviewed the FY06 budget, capital items, and warrant articles and made our recommendations.

Since FY03 we have sustained a loss of \$4MM in local aid. This is in addition to the normal increases that we had counted on in prior years. With this decrease in local aid we have had to rely more heavily on other sources of revenue such as property taxes. We have all felt the increase over the past few years and, unfortunately, will see this trend continue.

We have tried to offset the decrease in local aid thru the use of the stabilization fund and free cash. We are reaching a point where the stabilization fund and excess levy capacity in particular are diminishing. Depending on local aid in FY07 and anticipated growth we may reach a point where either a proposition 2 ½ override or layoffs may be necessary.

As in past years our budget is driven by increasing personnel costs. With contractually mandated increases of approximately 3% per year our budget is guaranteed to increase by at least that amount on an ever rising base. It is interesting to note how the private sector treats increasing personnel expenses versus how municipalities react. In the private sector, a combination of decreasing revenue and increasing personnel expenses typically translates to lost jobs, cuts in pay, wage freezes and/or consolidation. In the public sector, increases seem to be a given regardless of circumstances. Wages and benefits represent approximately 70% of the 50MM budget. Group health and life alone (which experienced an 8% growth) represents 5% of our total budget. Everyone needs to be very cognizant of the effect these increases have on our budgetary needs.

We are recommending the capital items shown in the warrant article. Delays in purchasing many of these items would simply compound the problem by pushing these expenses into an uncertain future, where other issues are certain to arise and where the town may have an even harder time trying to cope with the accumulated costs of replacing more equipment.

Finally we are recommending borrowing a significant amount of money to upgrade the waste water treatment facility. This project is necessary to comply with EPA and DEP mandates to lower phosphorous discharge levels into the Assabet River.

Respectfully submitted,

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

John Parent, Chairman

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

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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 Second day of

MAY

in the year 2005

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

ARTICLE 1 FY06 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, 2005 and ending on June 30, 2006; 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.

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY03 Actual</u>	<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 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	4,161	3,993	3,949	4,269	4,269	4,269
Board of Selectmen Total		13,161	12,993	12,949	13,269	13,269	13,269
3 Executive Assistant	Personnel	264,721	278,062	262,335	324,434	324,434	324,434
4 Executive Assistant	Expenses	7,194	7,473	7,643	8,055	8,055	8,055
5 Election & Town Meeting	Personnel	32,409	17,138	33,412	10,956	10,956	10,956
6 Election & Town Meeting	Expenses	5,688	6,607	6,880	6,800	6,800	6,800
9 Legal Services	Expenses	199,642	202,649	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
10 Building Maintenance	Personnel	33,396	35,957	39,947	43,239	43,239	43,239
11 Building Maintenance	Expenses	117,792	135,893	106,681	116,293	116,293	116,293
12 Personnel Expense	Expenses	10,655	20,041	12,168	14,753	14,753	14,753
Executive Assistant Total		671,497	703,820	654,066	709,530	709,530	709,530
13 Finance/IT Department	Personnel	514,089	541,579	570,645	596,265	596,265	596,265
14 Finance/IT Department	Expenses	113,587	100,645	125,595	125,800	125,800	125,800
Finance/IT Dept. Total		627,676	642,224	696,240	722,065	722,065	722,065
15 Town Clerk/Registrar	Personnel	109,635	112,165	120,337	99,465	99,465	99,465
16 Town Clerk	Expenses	7,995	8,127	8,733	8,730	8,730	8,730
Town Clerk Total		117,630	120,292	129,070	108,195	108,195	108,195
17 Moderator	Expenses		96	110	110	110	110
18 Finance Committee	Expenses	214	205	855	855	855	855
19 Board of Assessors	Personnel	21,000	20,539	23,000	23,700	23,700	23,700
20 Board of Assessors	Expenses	48,098	50,507	56,075	57,550	57,550	57,550
21 Board of Appeals	Expenses	382	374	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
22 Conservation Commission	Personnel			25,000	26,924	26,924	26,924 ¹
23 Planning Board	Expenses	3,297	3,281	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
24 Municipal Light Board	Personnel	3,000	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750
25 Econ. Development Comm.	Personnel	4,000	3,050	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
26 Econ. Development Comm.	Expenses	2,473	1,632	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
27 Fort Meadow Commission	Expenses	1,584	1,597	1,650	1,750	1,750	1,750
28 Lake Boon Commission	Expenses	1,358	1,498	1,728	1,728	1,728	1,728
29 Historical District Comm.	Expenses		200	500	500	500	500
30 Hudson Cultural Council	Expenses	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,800	2,800	2,800
Board & Committee Total		87,906	89,229	126,768	131,267	131,267	131,267
31 Police Department	Personnel	2,122,516	2,232,158	2,402,830	2,454,146	2,454,146	2,454,146
32 Police Department	Expenses	208,589	219,500	233,468	236,720	236,720	236,720
Police Department Total		2,331,105	2,451,658	2,636,298	2,690,866	2,690,866	2,690,866
33 Fire Department	Personnel	1,903,796	1,947,560	2,062,058	2,147,756	2,147,756	2,147,756
34 Fire Department	Expenses	157,230	151,071	185,371	194,297	194,297	194,297
Fire Department Total		2,061,026	2,098,631	2,247,429	2,342,053	2,342,053	2,342,053
35 Inspections Department	Personnel	156,833	154,007	119,229	113,001	113,001	113,001
36 Inspections Department	Expenses	6,201	5,678	6,830	6,354	6,354	6,354
Inspections Dept. Total		163,034	159,685	126,059	119,355	119,355	119,355
37 Public Works Snow & Ice	Personnel	303,729	228,913	199,006	199,006	199,006	199,006
38 Public Works Snow & Ice	Expenses	216,664	169,500	127,500	127,500	127,500	127,500
39 Public Works	Personnel	1,886,964	1,950,956	2,068,858	2,186,027	2,186,027	2,186,027 ²
40 Public Works	Expenses	1,550,327	1,766,522	1,814,278	1,796,720	1,796,720	1,796,720
Public Works Dept. Total		3,957,684	4,115,891	4,209,642	4,309,253	4,309,253	4,309,253

¹ Recommend that \$ 3,000 be taken from Conservation Receipts and applied to line number 22, Conservation Commission Personnel.² Recommend that \$ 30,000 be taken from Perpetual Care Receipts and applied to line number 39, Public Works, Personnel.

<u>Department</u>		<u>FY03 Actual</u>	<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 Budget</u>	<u>EA Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Fin Com Recommend</u>
41 Board of Health	Personnel	12,462	15,600	13,000	58,462	58,462	58,462
42 Board of Health	Expenses	53,399	58,014	58,500	17,350	17,350	17,350
Board of Health Total		65,861	73,614	71,500	75,812	75,812	75,812
43 Council on Aging	Personnel	141,326	147,402	154,341	161,635	161,635	161,635
44 Council on Aging	Expenses	15,229	15,086	16,631	17,644	17,644	17,644
Council on Aging Total		156,555	162,488	170,972	179,279	179,279	179,279
45 Veterans' Services	Personnel	49,343	51,599	64,181	38,542	38,542	38,542
46 Veterans' Services	Expenses	45,223	48,393	48,887	50,500	50,500	50,500
Veterans' Services Total		94,566	99,992	113,068	89,042	89,042	89,042
47 Library	Personnel	373,387	380,364	393,844	409,049	409,049	409,049
48 Library	Expenses	142,443	148,063	152,167	159,493	159,493	159,493
Library Department Total		515,830	528,427	546,011	568,542	568,542	568,542
49 Recreation	Personnel	167,975	173,971	183,187	190,420	190,420	190,420
50 Recreation	Expenses	38,313	37,781	37,962	44,268	44,268	44,268
Recreation Dept. Total		206,288	211,752	221,149	234,688	234,688	234,688
51 Debt Service	Expenses	3,318,377	3,185,047	3,520,246	4,245,891	4,245,891	4,245,891 ³
Debt Total		3,318,377	3,185,047	3,520,246	4,245,891	4,245,891	4,245,891
52 Contributory Retirement & Pensions	Expenses	1,295,810	1,844,497	2,027,598	2,197,938	2,197,938	2,197,938 ⁴
Pension Total		1,295,810	1,844,497	2,027,598	2,197,938	2,197,938	2,197,938
53 Group Health Insurance	Expenses	2,061,026	2,188,297	2,505,061	2,704,190	2,704,190	2,704,190
54 General Insurance	Expenses	369,517	515,991	594,390	621,723	621,723	621,723
Insurance Total		2,430,543	2,704,288	3,099,451	3,325,913	3,325,913	3,325,913
		<u>FY03 Actual</u>	<u>FY04 Actual</u>	<u>FY05 Budget</u>	<u>School Committee Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>FinCom Recommend</u>
55 Assabet Valley Regional Tech.	Expenses	1,616,150	1,648,473	1,523,651	1,611,216	1,611,216	1,611,216
Assabet Valley Regional Total		1,616,150	1,648,473	1,523,651	1,611,216	1,611,216	1,611,216
56 Hudson Schools Net Spending	Personnel	16,171,296	16,943,044	18,431,409	19,590,947	19,590,947	19,590,947 ⁵
57 Hudson Schools Net Spending	Expenses	3,291,957	3,640,435	2,951,442	2,701,285	2,701,285	2,701,285
Schools Net Spending Total		19,463,253	20,583,479	21,382,851	22,292,232	22,292,232	22,292,232
58 Hudson Schools Transportation	Expenses	943,055	992,423	927,841	1,035,595	1,035,595	1,035,595
Transportation Total		943,055	992,423	927,841	1,035,595	1,035,595	1,035,595
Hudson Public Schools Total		20,406,308	21,575,902	22,310,692	23,327,827	23,327,827	23,327,827
Total Operations		40,137,007	42,428,903	44,442,859	47,002,001	47,002,001	47,002,001

³ Recommend that \$ 20,844 be taken from Sale of Real Estate and applied to line number 51, Debt Service.

⁴ Recommend that \$ 225,000 be taken from Light & Power Surplus and \$ 253,178 from Pension Reserve and \$500,000 from the Stabilization Account and applied to line number 52, Contributory Retirement & Pensions.

⁵ Recommend that \$1,535,296 be taken from Free Cash and applied to Line Number 56, 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 Eight Hundred and Ninety Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$896,650) to be used for the purposes as described below to carry into effect the provisions of this article:

<i>Department:</i>	<i>Project:</i>	<i>Amount:</i>	<i>Fin Com Vote:</i>
<i>DPW</i>	Sewer Jet & Vac / catch basin cleaner	\$250,000	8-0
	Dump Truck and Plow	\$97,500	8-0
	4WD Pickup Truck-Sewer	\$30,100	8-0
	4WD 1 Ton Dump	\$45,000	8-0
	Compressor	\$12,500	8-0
<i>Fire</i>	Technical Rescue Equipment	\$47,050	6-0-2
<i>Police</i>	Police Cruisers (3)	\$84,150	8-0
<i>Library</i>	Heating System New Boiler	\$23,000	8-0
	Exterior Painting	\$15,350	8-0
<i>Recreation</i>	Riverside Park fencing, berm, and stone wall repair	\$42,000	8-0
<i>Schools</i>	Forest Avenue HVAC	\$250,000	8-0
<i>Total Capital:</i>		<i>\$896,650</i>	

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant, Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Park Commission, Board of Selectmen, Superintendent, School Committee

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.

ARTICLE 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

To see if the Town will vote to borrow pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, as amended, the sum of Eight Million Eight Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,801,750) for the Rehabilitation and Upgrade of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facility, associated pump stations and force mains and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to seek, accept, expend, and contract for any available State and/or Federal funds to be spent for the project providing that the total authorized sum shall be reduced by the amount of State and/or Federal funds obtained for the purpose of carrying out said project; Or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Director of Public Works
Board of Selectmen

Article 4 – By a vote of 7-1 the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 5 Sediment Study

To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the amount appropriated under Article 15 of the Town Meeting held on May 3, 2004, for the purpose of paying Hudson's share of a sediment remediation study being undertaken by the towns of Shrewsbury, Westborough, Northborough, Hudson and Maynard , and the City of Marlborough in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 6 Youth Sports

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$4,250) to support Youth Sports, administered through the Park Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

Director of Recreation
Park Commission
Board of Selectmen

Article 6 - The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that \$4,250 be taken from available funds.

ARTICLE 7 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, 2006, 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, 2005, 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 7 - The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 8 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, 2006. 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 8 - The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 9 Offset Receipts

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amounts indicated below 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:

Title	Max Amount	Source of Fees and Use of Funds	Authority to Expend Funds
Fire Alarm	\$30,000	For the extension of the Municipal Fire Alarm System through June 30, 2006 such sum to be offset, in the aggregate, by the estimated receipts charged to the users of the services provided by the Fire Department's Fire Alarm Division	Fire Chief
Inspections Fees	\$75,000	Said sum 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 with such sum to be offset, in the aggregate, by the estimated fees charged to the recipients of said inspections	Building Commissioner

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Chief
 Building Commissioner
 Executive Assistant
 Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 10 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.

Title	Max Amount	Source of Fees and Use of Funds	Authority to Expend Funds
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

Title	Max Amount	Source of Fees and Use of Funds	Authority to Expend Funds
I/I Revolving Fund	\$180,000	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	\$10,000	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

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Fire Chief
Finance Director
DPW Director
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 11 Appropriate Funds for South Street Park Design

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) to reimburse the Park Commission/Division of Recreation Gifts and Grants Account #1154, for expenses incurred in preparing design plans and support documents for the expansion of the South Street park, or take any action relative thereto

Director of Recreation
Park Commission
Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 11 - The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$75,000 be taken from available funds for this purpose.

ARTICLE 12 Additional Veterans Benefits

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Twenty-five thousand two hundred and thirteen dollars (\$25,213), said sum to be added to the amount appropriated under line 46, Veterans Services Expense, at the Town Meeting held May 3, 2004, for the purpose of addressing a budget shortfall in the Veterans Benefits account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Director of Veterans Services
Board of Selectmen

Article 12 - The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$25,213 be taken from available funds for this purpose.

ARTICLE 13 Added Fuel Costs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of fifty-eight thousand five hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$58,591), in total, said sum to be added to the following amounts as appropriated at the Town Meeting held May 3, 2004, for the purpose of addressing shortfall in the gasoline and diesel fuel accounts of the various town departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

ACCOUNT TITLE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ADDITIONAL AMOUNT
Public Works Expense	39	\$29,151
Police Expense	31	\$23,000
Fire Department Expense	34	\$ 4,000
Council on Aging Expense	44	\$ 1,400
Building Maintenance Expense	12	\$ 700
Inspections Expense	36	\$ 340
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>\$ 58,591</i>

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

Article 13 – By a vote of 7-1, the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$58,591 be taken from available funds for this purpose.

ARTICLE 14 Transfer Unexpended Grant Funds

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sums of money presented below from various unexpended grant funds into Account # 1200 "Master Plan Grant" to be used for the purposes of updating the Town's master plan and zoning;

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Demolition of Webster Building	1363-100-1230	3819.49
Title V Grant	1630-250-1230	46.91
Land take South Street	1899-250-1230	6824.00
	<i>TOTAL:</i>	<i>10,690.40</i>

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 15 Annual Town Reports

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

Board of Selectmen

Article 15 - The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 16 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, 2005, 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.

Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 17 Amend Zoning By-Laws: Watershed Protection District

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective Zoning By-Laws of the Town pursuant to Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, by amending Section 3.3.10 Watershed Protection District, Section II Establishment and Definition of District, the Watershed Protection District Maps for the Town of Hudson, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, to include that area within the Zone II boundary in the Town of Hudson as shown on the approved Zone II Map for the Cranberry Well and as further depicted on a GIS plan entitled "Proposed Addition to Watershed Protection District Area" prepared by Earth Tech dated September 2004, copies of both plans being on file in the Town Clerk's Office; or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works
Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 18 Sale of Land on Cox Street

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, convey, or grant a certain 9,143 square foot parcel of land shown as Assessor's Plate 19, Parcel 357 to a willing buyer for a minimum price of \$75,000. Said land having been determined to be surplus to the needs of the Town and is depicted as "Lot A" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Hudson, MA" prepared by Inland Survey, Inc. d/b/a Zanca Land Surveying, dated January 3, 2005; said plan is on file with the Town Clerk and is further defined as follows:

Legal Description of land owned by the Town of Hudson and shown on Town of Hudson assessors map as plate 19 parcel 357 and described as follows;
Beginning at a land court bound with drill hole on the southerly side of Palmieri Drive at land of Brian T. and Dawn Marie Sleeper and running by the southerly side of Palmieri Drive S84° 39'27"E a distance of 40.00' to an iron pipe at land of Roger R. Paquette Trustee of RR Paquette Nominee Trust;
Thence running by said of RR Paquette Nominee Trust S05°20'33"W a distance of 214.80' to a point on a curve on the northerly side of Cox Street;
Thence running by the northerly side of Cox Street by a curve to the right having a radius of 262.32' a length of 47.68' to a concrete bound at land of Pierino A. Bonazzoli and Ernest G. Dixon Jr. Trustees of the Bonazzoli Family Trust;
Thence running by the Bonazzoli Family Trust and land of the Town of Hudson and land of said Sleeper N05°20'33"E a distance of 240.63' to the point of beginning.
Said parcel contains 9,143 square feet and is shown on a plan entitled: Plan of Land in Hudson, MA, Owned By: The Town of Hudson, Scale: 1" = 20', January 3, 2005, Plan By: Inland Survey, Inc. DBA Zanca Land Surveying, 16 Gleasondale Road, Suite I-2 Stow, MA 01775.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 19 Street Acceptance – Pheasant Trail

To see if the town will vote to accept a layout of pheasant trail as a town way as shown on a plan entitled “street acceptance plan pheasant trail”, scale 1”=40’ dated august 20, 2004, prepared by Hayes engineering, inc. Wakefield, ma 01880 a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the town clerk of Hudson, Massachusetts. Said new street being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly sideline of Brigham street; thence running Northerly along the sideline of pheasant trail with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 39.51 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet; thence running N53°35'05"W along said sideline a distance of 213.17 feet; thence running Northeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the right having an arc length of 374.39 feet on a radius of 225.00 feet; thence running N41°45'10"E along said sideline a distance of 25.00 feet; thence running easterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the right having an arc length of 405.73 feet on a radius of 225.00 feet; thence running S34°55'48"E along said sideline a distance of 203.24 feet; thence running southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 38.43 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of Brigham street; thence turning and running S56°59'04"W along said sideline a distance of 75.05 feet; thence running southwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 23.81 feet on a radius of 500.00 feet; thence turning and running Northeasterly along the sideline of pheasant trail with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 38.91 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet; thence running N34°55'48"W along said sideline a distance of 200.49 feet; thence running Northwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 315.56 feet on a radius of 175.00 feet; thence running S41°45'10"W along said sideline a distance of 25.00 feet; thence running southwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 291.19 feet on a radius of 175.00 feet; thence running S53°35'05"E along said sideline a distance of 214.12 feet; thence running southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 39.03 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of Brigham street; thence turning and running S36°57'37"W along said sideline a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing an area of 59,710± Square Feet, or 1.37± Acres.

and to further see if the town will vote to accept four certain utility easements containing 10,883± s.f., 39,127± s.f., 311± s.f. and 8,801± s.f. as shown on said plan.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 19 – By a vote of 5-0-3, the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 20 Street Acceptance – Kattail Road

To see if the town will vote to accept a layout of Kattail Road as a town way as shown on a plan entitled “street acceptance plan KATTAIL road”, scale 1”=40’ dated august 20, 2004, prepared by Hayes engineering, inc. Wakefield, ma 01880 a print of which has

been duly filed in the office of the town clerk of Hudson, Massachusetts. Said new street being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly sideline of PHEASANT TRAIL; thence running Northerly along THE sideline OF KATTAI ROAD with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 29.11 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet; thence running N03°56'43"W along said sideline a distance of 473.80 feet; thence running Northwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 60.27 feet on a radius of 175.00 feet; thence running N23°40'45"W along said sideline a distance of 52.60 feet; thence running Northwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 47.02 feet on a radius of 60.00 feet; thence running Northwesterly THROUGH SOUTHERLY along said sideline with a curve turning to the right having an arc length of 282.54 feet on a radius of 60.00 feet; thence running southerly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 47.02 feet on a radius of 60.00 feet; thence running S23°40'45"E along said sideline a distance of 52.60 feet; thence running southerly along said sideline with a curve turning to the right having an arc length of 77.49 feet on a radius of 225.00 feet; thence running S03°56'43"E along said sideline a distance of 453.45 feet; thence running southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 39.15 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY SIDELINE OF PHEASANT TRAIL; thence turning and running westerly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 92.49 feet on a radius of 225.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Containing an area of 43,339± Square Feet, or 0.99± Acres.

And to further see if the Town will vote to accept a certain access easement containing 7, 387± s.f. as shown on said plan; Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 20 – By a vote of 5-0-3, the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 21 Street Acceptance – Field Stream Lane

To see if the town will vote to accept a layout of Field Stream Lane as a town way as shown on a plan entitled “street acceptance plan Field Stream Lane”, scale 1”=40’ dated august 20, 2004, prepared by Hayes engineering, inc. Wakefield, ma 01880 a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the town clerk of Hudson, Massachusetts. Said new street being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly sideline of PHEASANT TRAIL; thence running Northwesterly along the sideline of field stream lane with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 31.67 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet; thence running N81°21'46"W along said sideline a distance of 142.48 feet; thence running Northwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the right having an arc length of 152.23 feet on a radius of 225.00 feet; thence running Northwesterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 37.35 feet on a radius of 60.00 feet; thence running Northwesterly through southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the right having an arc length of 279.60 feet on a radius of 60.00 feet; thence running

southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 66.21 feet on a radius of 60.00 feet; thence running southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 82.06 feet on a radius of 175.00 feet; thence running S81°21'46"E along said sideline a distance of 132.27 feet; thence running southeasterly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 36.75 feet on a radius of 25.00 feet to a point on the westerly sideline of pheasant trail; thence turning and running southerly along said sideline with a curve turning to the left having an arc length of 91.09 feet on a radius of 225.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Containing an area of 27,112± Square Feet, or 0.62± Acres.

and to further see if the town will vote to accept two certain utility easements containing 68,989± s.f., 1,700± s.f., and a certain access easement containing 871± s.f. as shown on said plan; Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 21 – By a vote of 5-0-3, the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 22 Street Acceptance, Drainage, and Access Easement – Kelly Lane

To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of Kelly Lane as a Town way and a layout of a Drainage & Access Easement, both as shown on a plan entitled Plan of Acceptance of Kelly Lane Hudson, Massachusetts, Scale 1"=40', Date September 24, 2002, prepared by: Central Mass. Engineering & Survey, Inc., 45 River Street, Marlborough, MA 01752, a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hudson, Mass. Said new street and easement being more particularly described as follows:

Kelly Lane

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Chestnut Street on the westerly side of Kelly Lane;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 47.12 feet;
Thence N 09° 40' 21" E 161.75 feet to a point;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 325.00 feet an arc length of 107.70 feet;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 40.00 feet an arc length of 46.68 feet;
Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 80.00 feet an arc length of 409.78 feet;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 40.60 feet an arc length of 32.25 feet;
Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 375.00 feet an arc length of 144.76 feet;
Thence S 09° 40' 21" W 161.75 feet to a point;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 47.13 feet;
Thence across the end of Kelly Lane S 60° 19' 39" E 110.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Said area of Kelly Lane being 37,759 square feet, more or less, as shown on said plan.

Drainage and Access Easement:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Kelly Lane;
Thence N 20° 12' 21" W 94.21 feet to a point;
Thence N 70° 34' 19" W 236.08 feet to a point;
Thence N 01° 39' 28" W 112.92 feet to a point;
Thence N 18° 01' 56" E 82.75 feet to a point;
Thence S 69° 47' 47" E 80.00 feet to a point;
Thence S 40° 53' 55" E 52.35 feet to a point;
Thence S 12° 18' 09" E 37.26 feet to a point;
Thence N 54° 55' 11" E 94.67 feet to a point;
Thence S 22° 03' 15" W 22.18 feet to a point;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 80.00 feet an arc length of 194.78 feet;
Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 40.00 feet an arc length of 46.68 feet;
Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 325.00 feet an arc length of 107.70 feet to the point of beginning.
Said area of Drainage and Access Easement being 37,732 square feet, more or less, as shown on said plan.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 22 – By a vote of 5-0-3, the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 23 Street Acceptance – A portion of Forbes Road

To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of Forbes Road as a town way as shown on Plan entitled “ Plan of Acceptance of A Portion of Forbes Road in Hudson, Massachusetts, Owned By: Ashbury Realty Trust, Central Mass Engineering & Survey, Inc., 277 Main Street, Marlborough, MA 01752, Date: Aug. 9, 2004, Scale: 1" = 40' “, a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hudson, MA. Said new road being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Atherton Road on the northerly side of Forbes Road,
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 58.44 feet;
Thence S. 62° 19' 36" E. 249.88 feet to a point;
Thence by a curve to the right having a radius of 600.00 feet an arc length of 36.52 feet;
Thence across the end of Forbes Road S. 31° 09' 24" W. 50.00 feet;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 575.00 feet an arc length of 33.48 feet;
Thence N. 62° 19' 36" W. 293.44 feet to a point;
Thence by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet an arc length of 35.81 feet;
Thence along the southerly sideline of Atherton Road N. 49° 16' 34" E. 118.30 feet to the point of beginning.

Said are of this portion of Forbes Road being 17,466 square feet as shown on said Plan; Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

Article 23 – By a vote of 5-0-3, the Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 24 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 24 – The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that \$5,000 be taken from available funds for this purpose.

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 9, 2005, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year:

Selectmen, one for three years; Moderator, one for one year; School Committee, two 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; 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 one year (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, one for three years; Planning Board, one for two years (to fill a vacancy); 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 28th day of February in the year Two Thousand Five.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS***

Antonio S. Loura, Chairman

Joseph J. Durant, Vice-Chairman

Santino Parente, Clerk

Carl J. Leeber

Fred P. Lucy, II

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".