

Annual Town Meeting WARRANT TOWN OF HUDSON



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Monday, May 4, 2009

**Finance Committee
Report and Recommendations**

Finance Committee Preamble

To the People of Hudson, Greetings:

Decreasing revenue and increasing uncertainty are issues we need to face in this challenging economic climate. In Hudson, we are fortunate to have department managers and a school district that showed a spirit of cooperation to do their part by maintaining a high level of service with a minimal increase in operating funds. The finance committee wishes to express our thanks to all involved in the budget process.

We have reviewed the warrant articles and made our recommendations:

The finance committee has additional comments for the following articles:

Article 7: Community preservation reservation of funds: These dollars are not being expended but rather are being set aside to comply with CPA requirements. The finance committee does recommend this article.

Article 8. Community Preservation appropriations: Each item is considered a separate item. We have reviewed all items and do recommend all three be appropriated.

Article 20. Amend General By-Laws: Public consumption of marijuana: The wording in this article has been suggested by the Attorney General's office. Several communities have adopted this, or a similar article, to plug a potential gap created when the state adopted the new law reducing the possession of less than an ounce of marijuana from a criminal offense to a civil offense. The finance committee does support this article.

Article 22: Feasibility Study for John F. Kennedy School: The Ma. School Building Authority requires that a feasibility study include substantially more information than was previously required. The requirements include cost estimates, schematic drawings etc. that will take us very close to the actual design process. The finance committee does support this article.

The Finance Committee:

John Parent, Chairman
Justin Provencher, Vice Chairman
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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 Fourth day of

MAY

in the year 2009

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

ARTICLE 1 FY10 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, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010; 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
Board of Selectmen

<u>Department</u>			<u>FY07 Actual</u>	<u>FY08 Actual</u>	<u>FY09 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	4,033	4,465	4,523	4,585	4,585	4,585
	Selectmen Total		13,033	13,465	13,523	13,585	13,585	13,585
3	Executive Assistant	Personnel	343,421	356,719	364,358	317,227	317,227	317,227
4	Executive Assistant	Expenses	7,079	7,673	8,397	8,371	8,371	8,371
5	Election & Town Mtg.	Personnel	28,085	37,230	39,782	12,916	12,916	12,916
6	Election & Town Mtg.	Expenses	6,979	4,299	9,225	9,550	9,550	9,550
7	Legal Services	Expenses	200,116	195,822	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
8	Building Maintenance	Personnel	42,080	46,732	50,620	51,569	51,569	51,569
9	Building Maintenance	Expenses	148,236	136,497	153,924	146,671	146,671	146,671
10	Personnel Expense	Expenses	7,995	9,018	14,753	14,753	14,753	14,753
	Exe. Assistant Total		783,991	793,990	826,059	746,057	746,057	746,057
11	Finance/IT Depart.	Personnel	569,176	626,585	648,913	638,044	638,044	638,044
12	Finance/IT Depart.	Expenses	125,713	131,718	136,539	151,750	151,750	151,750
	Finance/IT Total		694,889	758,303	785,452	789,794	789,794	789,794
13	Town Clerk/Registrar	Personnel	103,299	108,276	118,657	118,973	118,973	118,973
14	Town Clerk	Expenses	8,594	8,994	8,464	8,898	8,898	8,898
	Town Clerk Total		111,893	117,270	127,121	127,871	127,871	127,871
15	Moderator	Expenses	110	-	110	110	110	110
16	Finance Committee	Expenses	220	226	855	855	855	855
17	Board of Assessors	Personnel	24,400	22,148	25,900	25,900	25,900	25,900
18	Board of Assessors	Expenses	60,038	63,770	70,050	73,150	73,150	73,150
19	Board of Appeals	Personnel		261	1,181	1,253	1,253	1,253
20	Board of Appeals	Expenses	294	931	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
21	Conservation Comm.	Personnel	28,338	24,435	31,439	33,376	33,376	33,376 ¹
22	Conservation Comm.	Expenses	1,209	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
23	Planning Board	Personnel		488	2,361	2,504	2,504	2,504
24	Planning Board	Expenses	8,406	5,660	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
25	Municipal Light Bd.	Personnel	3,792	3,900	3,900	4,700	4,700	4,700
26	Econ. Develop Comm	Personnel	4,000	4,049	4,152	4,149	4,149	4,149
27	Econ. Develop Comm	Expenses	700	1,542	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,300
28	Fort Meadow Comm.	Expenses	1,898	6,243	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
29	Lake Boon Comm.	Expenses	1,636	-	1,728	1,728	1,728	1,728
30	Historical Dist Comm.	Expenses		500	500	500	500	500
	Board & Com Total		135,041	134,153	157,776	163,525	163,525	163,525
31	Police Department	Personnel	2,505,409	2,590,259	2,762,191	2,779,363	2,779,363	2,779,363
32	Police Department	Expenses	262,103	283,663	270,792	292,711	292,711	292,711
	Police Dept. Total		2,767,512	2,873,922	3,032,983	3,072,074	3,072,074	3,072,074
33	Fire Department	Personnel	2,138,300	2,247,253	2,344,845	2,394,433	2,394,433	2,394,433
34	Fire Department	Expenses	258,621	258,952	240,689	258,104	258,104	258,104
	Fire Dept. Total		2,396,921	2,506,205	2,585,534	2,652,537	2,652,537	2,652,537

¹ Recommend that \$7,000 be taken from Conservation Receipts and applied to Line 21, Conservation Personnel.

	<u>Department</u>		<u>FY07 Actual</u>	<u>FY08 Actual</u>	<u>FY09 Budget</u>	<u>EA Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Fin Com Recommend</u>
35	Inspections Depart.	Personnel	133,011	130,505	138,631	145,020	145,020	145,020
36	Inspections Depart.	Expenses	6,875	8,162	8,483	7,836	7,836	7,836
	Inspections Total		139,886	138,667	147,114	152,856	152,856	152,856
37	DPW Snow & Ice	Personnel	199,004	258,986	199,006	199,006	199,006	199,006
38	DPW Snow & Ice	Expenses	147,312	296,750	127,500	127,500	127,500	127,500
39	Public Works	Personnel	2,153,068	2,418,111	2,455,955	2,543,025	2,543,025	2,543,025
40	Public Works	Expenses	2,051,964	2,202,320	2,326,901	2,530,672	2,530,672	2,530,672
	DPW Total		4,551,348	5,176,167	5,109,362	5,400,203	5,400,203	5,400,203
41	Board of Health	Personnel	61,669	71,927	81,538	86,253	86,253	86,253
42	Board of Health	Expenses	32,660	12,167	15,600	28,350	28,350	28,350
	BOH Total		94,329	84,094	97,138	114,603	114,603	114,603
43	Council on Aging	Personnel	147,210	161,769	172,219	180,539	180,539	180,539
44	Council on Aging	Expenses	22,168	21,641	17,999	19,903	19,903	19,903
	COA Total		169,378	183,410	190,218	200,442	200,442	200,442
45	Veterans' Services	Personnel	41,523	46,516	49,154	52,078	52,078	52,078
46	Veterans' Services	Expenses	43,065	47,321	52,700	53,200	53,200	53,200
	Veterans' Total		84,588	93,837	101,854	105,278	105,278	105,278
47	Library	Personnel	419,984	435,620	459,259	468,262	468,262	468,262
48	Library	Expenses	173,270	179,123	178,997	192,412	192,412	192,412
	Library Total		593,254	614,743	638,256	660,674	660,674	660,674
49	Recreation	Personnel	197,075	203,147	210,873	216,772	216,772	216,772
50	Recreation	Expenses	51,004	51,445	53,138	57,388	57,388	57,388
	Recreation Total		248,079	254,592	264,011	274,160	274,160	274,160
51	Debt Service	Expenses	3,952,951	3,523,061	3,690,850	4,633,484	4,633,484	4,633,484
	Debt Total		3,952,951	3,523,061	3,690,850	4,633,484	4,633,484	4,633,484
52	Pensions	Expenses	2,476,873	2,783,275	3,113,687	3,269,913	3,269,913	3,269,913 ²
	Pension Total		2,476,873	2,783,275	3,113,687	3,269,913	3,269,913	3,269,913
53	Group Health Ins.	Expenses	3,027,427	2,791,225	3,217,426	3,299,218	3,299,218	3,299,218 ³
54	General Insurance	Expenses	675,484	656,810	663,275	654,744	654,744	654,744
	Insurance Total		3,702,911	3,448,035	3,880,701	3,953,962	3,953,962	3,953,962

² Recommend that \$225,000 be taken from the Light & Power Surplus Account and \$248,415 be taken from the Pension Reserve Account and both be applied to Line 52, Contributory Retirement and Pensions.

³ Recommend that \$471,772 be taken from the Stabilization Fund and applied to Line 53 Group Health Insurance.

			<u>FY07 Actual</u>	<u>FY08 Actual</u>	<u>FY09 Budget</u>	<u>School Committee Request</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>FinCom Recommend</u>
55	Assabet Valley Regional Tech.	Expenses	1,631,066	1,636,271	1,596,311	1,367,979	1,367,979	1,367,979
	Assabet Valley Total		1,631,066	1,636,271	1,596,311	1,367,979	1,367,979	1,367,979
56	Hudson Schools	Personnel	20,090,313	22,063,441	23,116,903	24,094,666	24,094,666	24,094,666 ⁴
57	Hudson Schools	Expenses	3,533,985	2,987,519	3,331,951	2,752,003	2,752,003	2,752,003
	Hudson Schools Total		23,624,298	25,050,960	26,448,854	26,846,669	26,846,669	26,846,669
58	Hudson Schools Transportation	Transporta- tion	1,244,050	1,130,135	1,230,390	1,308,417	1,308,417	1,308,417
	Transportation Total		1,244,050	1,130,135	1,230,390	1,308,417	1,308,417	1,308,417
	Hudson Schools Total		24,868,348	26,181,095	27,679,244	28,155,086	28,155,086	28,155,086
	Total Operations		49,416,291	51,314,555	54,037,194	55,854,083	55,854,083	55,854,083

⁴ Recommend that \$1,822,827 be taken from Free Cash and applied to Line 56 Hudson Public Schools 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 Five Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars (\$527,173) to be used for the purposes as described below to carry into effect the provisions of this article:

Department:	Project:	Amount:	Source of Funds:	Fin Com Vote:
DPW	Roadway Resurfacing	\$220,000	Available Funds	7-0
	Dump Truck and Plow	\$111,400	Available Funds	7-0
	Van (Water)	\$20,250	Available Funds	7-0
	4 WD S-10 Pickup (Engineering)	\$17,500	Available Funds	7-0
	Power Paving Box	\$27,000	Available Funds	7-0
Fire	Replace 96 Chev Blazer	\$38,116	Available Funds	7-0
Police	Police Cruisers (3)	\$92,907	Available Funds	7-0
<u>Total Capital:</u>		\$527,173		

Or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Article 2: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$527,173 be taken from available funds.

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 Youth Sports

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Four Thousand 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 4: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$4,300 be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 5 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, 2010. 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 Executive Assistant to expend those funds with the approval of the Board of Selectmen; 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 Land Acquisition – White Pond Road

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land and interests therein for the purposes of protecting an existing water supply, developing a new water supply and providing additional open space. Said parcel of land located in the Town of Hudson, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts is shown on a plan, a copy of said plan being on file with the Town Clerk's Office, entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Cranberry Wood Estates in the Town of Hudson, Ma., Owner & Applicant: Gail Schofield/Cannon, Survey & Design by: Thomas Land Surveyors, Inc., Scale: 1" = 100', Date: June 30, 1987" and further described as follows:

Parcel A

Beginning at a drill hole in a stone bound at the intersection of Parcel A, land of the Town of Hudson and land of the M.B.T.A.;

Thence, S 53-26-06 E 1221.38' to a point;
Thence, S 45-20-22 W 383.52' to a point;
Thence, S 56-51-19 W 450.00' to a point;
Thence, N 83-30-17 W 497.97' to a point;
Thence, S 45-55-24 W 250.00' to a point;
Thence, N 39-08-41 W 49.60' to a point;
Thence, N 45-57-35 E 543.01' to a point;
Thence, N 00-58-30 W 945.00' to the point of beginning.

Said parcel containing about 16.93 Acres.

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 purpose set forth in this Article;

Or take any action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works
Executive Assistant
Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 7 Community Preservation Reservation of Funds

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the **Community Preservation** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses and other expenses in fiscal year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses **\$ 26,976.89**

Reserves:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 53,953.78
From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 53,953.78
From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 53,953.78
From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$350,699.56

Or take any action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 8 Community Preservation Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the **Community Preservation** annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects in fiscal years 2009 & 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

\$27,750	From the Budgeted Reserve for the acquisition of a 16.93 acre parcel of land off White Pond Road for Open Space and Recreation.
\$9,950	From Historic Preservation Reserve for the preservation of vital records in the Town Clerk's office.
\$8,000	From Budgeted Reserve for the engineering/survey work associated with the creation of a recreation use on a parcel of land on Cherry Street.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Community Preservation Committee
Board of Selectmen

Article 8: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$27,750 be appropriated for land acquisition and the sum \$9,950 be appropriated for Historic Preservation and the sum of \$8,000 be appropriated for engineering/survey services for Cherry Street.

ARTICLE 9 Land Acquisition – Water Storage Tank

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or take by eminent domain a certain parcel of land and interests therein for the purpose of constructing a water storage tank. Said parcel of land located in the Town of Hudson, County of Middlesex, is shown on a plan, a copy of said plan being on file with the Town Clerk's Office, entitled: "Plan of Land in Hudson, Ma., Owned by: Ashbury Realty Trust, Plan by: Thomas Land Surveyors, Inc., Scale: 1" = 40', Date: January, 2009" and being further described as follows:

Parcel B2

Beginning at a point being at the intersection of Parcel B2, Lot 19A and Exeter Road;

Thence, S 21° 57' 21" E a distance of 327.04 feet to a point;
Thence, S 25° 52' 06" W a distance of 342.18 feet to a point;
Thence, N 22° 32' 55" W a distance of 198.75 feet to a point;
Thence, N 17° 35' 08" W a distance of 119.00 feet to a point;
Thence, S 60° 42' 58" W a distance of 138.50 feet to a point;
Thence, N 18° 32' 10" E a distance of 233.46 feet to a point;
Thence, N 86° 15' 04" E a distance of 103.27 feet to a point;
Thence, N 17° 43' 10" E a distance of 120.67 feet to a point;
Thence, along a curve to the left having a radius of 205.00 feet, a length of 80.96 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel containing about 2.76 Acres.

And notwithstanding the limitations set forth in Article 1, 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 of 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 purpose set forth in this Article;

Or take any action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works
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 through June 30, 2010.	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, 2010.	Fire Chief
Infiltration and Inflow Revolving Fund	\$300,000	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 through June 30, 2010.	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 through June 30, 2010.	Finance Director
Inspections Fees Revolving Fund	\$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, 2010.	Building Commissioner
School Department Professional Development Revolving 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 through June 30, 2010.	Superintendent of Schools

Or take any other action relative thereto.

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

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

ARTICLE 11 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, 2010, 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, 2009, 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 11: The Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 12 Annual Town Reports

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

Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 13 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, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, as amended, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, as amended; or take any action relative thereto.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 14 Street Acceptance – Sandy Knoll Drive

To see if the Town of Hudson will vote to accept the layout of Sandy Knoll Drive as a town way as shown on a Plan entitled, "STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN of SANDY KNOLL DRIVE, HUDSON, MA" prepared by Thomas Land Surveyors & Engineering Consultants, Inc., 265 Washington Street, Hudson MA", a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hudson, Massachusetts. Said new road being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner at a point on the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street, at land of Chestnut Hill Estates and at a point of curvature,

Thence running by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet and a length of 34.13 feet and by land of Chestnut Hill Estates Realty Trust to a point,

Thence running S79-24-42E 364.83 feet by land of Chestnut Hill Estates Realty Trust to a point of curvature,

Thence running by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet and a length of 27.40 feet and by land of Chestnut Hill Estates Realty Trust to a point of reverse curvature,

Thence running by a curve to the right having a radius of 60.00 feet and a length of 298.10 feet by land of Chestnut Hill Estates Realty Trust to a point of reverse curvature,

Thence running by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet and a length of 27.40 feet and by land of Chestnut Hill Estates Realty Trust to a point,

Thence running N79-24-42W 317.35 feet by land of Chestnut Hill Estates Realty Trust to a point of curvature at land of Alan Weiner,

Thence running by a curve to the left having a radius of 30.00 feet and a length of 59.34 feet and by land of Alan Weiner to a point on the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street,

Thence running N12-45-07W 119.04 feet by the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street to the point and place of beginning.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

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

ARTICLE 15 Drainage Easement – Sandy Knoll Drive Northwest

To see if the Town of Hudson will vote to accept the drainage easement of Sandy Knoll Drive as a town way as shown on a Plan entitled, "STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN of SANDY KNOLL DRIVE, HUDSON, MA" prepared by Thomas Land Surveyors & Engineering Consultants, Inc., 265 Washington Street, Hudson MA", a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hudson, Massachusetts. Said new easement being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner at a point on the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street and at land n/f Kane Perkins Co.,Inc.,

Thence running N79-33-40E 88.35 feet by land of n/f Kane Perkins Co.,Inc., to a point,

Thence running S14-13-13E 149.54 feet to a point,

Thence running S79-24-42E 57.75 feet to a point,

Thence running S10-35-18W 10.00 feet to a point on the northerly sideline of Sandy Knoll Drive,

Thence running N79-24-42W 131.07 feet by the northerly sideline of Sandy Knoll Drive to a point of curvature,

Thence running by a curve to the right having a radius of 30.00 feet and a length of 34.13 feet and by the northerly sideline of Sandy Knoll Drive to a point on the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street,
Thence running N14-13-13W 106.45 feet by the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street to the point and place of beginning.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

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

ARTICLE 16 Drainage Easement – Sandy Knoll Drive Southwest

To see if the Town of Hudson will vote to accept the drainage easement of Sandy Knoll Drive as a town way as shown on a Plan entitled, "STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN of SANDY KNOLL DRIVE, HUDSON, MA" prepared by Thomas Land Surveyors & Engineering Consultants, Inc., 265 Washington Street, Hudson MA", a print of which has been duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Hudson, Massachusetts. Said new easement being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the easement at a point on the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street,

Thence running N12-45-07W 22.21 feet by the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street to a point of curvature at Sandy Knoll Drive,
Thence running by a curve to the right having a radius of 30.00 feet and a length of 59.34 feet and by the southerly sideline of Sandy Knoll Drive to a point
Thence running S07-08-57E 50.00 feet to a point,
Thence running S77-14-53W 37.00 feet to the point and place of beginning.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Planning Board

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

ARTICLE 17 Acquire Easements on South Street

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 South Street and burial of existing overhead utility lines.

Said land area comprises Forty Eight (48) parcels located in the Town of Hudson, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts. Parcel A, contains approximately 54+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 234 now or formerly owned by Parente Realty Trust; Parcel B contains approximately 181 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 233 now or formerly owned by Hudson Amvets; Parcel C contains approximately

477 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessor's Map 29, Parcel 232 now or formerly owned by Hudson Amvets; Parcel D, contains approximately 424 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 323 now or formerly owned by Charles & Lisa Randall; Parcel E, contains approximately 63 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 298 now or formerly owned by Charles H. Randall; Parcel F contains approximately 84 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 299 now or formerly owned by Charles H. Randall; Parcel G, contains approximately 607 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 301 now or formerly owned by David L. Taft.; Parcel H, contains approximately 64 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 300 now or formerly owned by Richard A. & Geraldine A. Kerdok.; Parcel I contains approximately 450 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 303 now or formerly owned by The Migal Realty Trust; Parcel J, contains approximately 10 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 304 now or formerly owned by Main Street Realty Trust; Parcel K, contains approximately 19 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 305 now or formerly owned by South Market Realty Trust; Parcel L contains approximately 435 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 301 now or formerly owned by David L. Taft; Parcel M, contains approximately 268 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 232 now or formerly owned by Hudson Amvets; Parcel N, contains approximately 12 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 231 now or formerly owned by One Commercial Street Realty Trust; Parcel O, contains approximately 45 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 229 now or formerly owned by Pizzimento Family Trust; Parcel P, contains approximately 22 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 223 now or formerly owned by Thomas M. McEnaney; Parcel Q, contains approximately 128 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 307 now or formerly owned by Abraham & Sarah G. Taft; Parcel R, contains approximately 325 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 309 now or formerly owned by Robert S. McNiff; Parcel S, contains approximately 108 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 310 now or formerly owned by Albert Durano; Parcel T, contains approximately 150 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 310 now or formerly owned by Albert Durano; Parcel U, contains approximately 354 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 311 now or formerly owned by Jacob Freedman; Parcel V, contains approximately 9 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 228 now or formerly owned by Hudson Savings Bank; Parcel W, contains approximately 16 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 226 now or formerly owned by Hudson Savings Bank; Parcel X, contains approximately 116 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 312 now or formerly owned by Hudson Holdings Trust; Parcel Y, contains approximately 120 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 312 now or formerly owned by Hudson Holdings Trust; Parcel Z, contains approximately 637 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 313 now or formerly owned by Brian L. Jackson; Parcel AA, contains approximately 28 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 226 now or formerly owned by Hudson Savings Bank ; Parcel BB, contains approximately 121 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 225 now or formerly owned by Brian L. Young; Parcel CC, contains approximately 21 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 219 now or formerly owned by George Contrada; Parcel DD, contains approximately 38 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 220 now or formerly owned by Aubuchon Realty Co. Inc.;

Parcel EE, contains approximately 916 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 203 now or formerly owned by Victoria Miller; Parcel FF, contains approximately 8 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 202 now or formerly owned by Gao Da Liang; Parcel GG, contains approximately 12 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 204 now or formerly owned by David & Nancy Webster; Parcel HH, contains approximately 59 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 205 now or formerly owned by John R. Dougherty; Parcel II, contains approximately 56 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 250 now or formerly owned by Jose Brega; Parcel JJ, contains approximately 160 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 200 now or formerly owned by Arthur Redding; Parcel KK, contains approximately 156 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 208 now or formerly owned by Francis Broderick; Parcel LL, contains approximately 83 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 210 now or formerly owned by Jose M. & Emelia M. Sousa; Parcel MM, contains approximately 337 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 210 now or formerly owned by Jose M. & Emelia M. Sousa; Parcel NN, contains approximately 78 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 212 now or formerly owned by Robert Cabral ; Parcel OO, contains approximately 38 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 213 now or formerly owned by P. Douglas Tessier; Parcel PP, contains approximately 14 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 326 now or formerly owned by Hudson Community Food Pantry; Parcel QQ, contains approximately 10 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 214 now or formerly owned by Antonio F. & Helena M Resendes; Parcel RR, contains approximately 85 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 214 now or formerly owned by Antonio F. and Helena M. Resendes. Parcel SS, contains approximately 9 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 214 now or formerly owned by Antonio F. and Helena M. Resendes. Parcel TT, contains approximately 38 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 215 now or formerly owned by Maria P. Rego & Clara Rego Murphy; Parcel UU, contains approximately 11 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 215 now or formerly owned by Maria P. Rego & Clara Rego Murphy; Parcel VV, contains approximately 59 +/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 217 now or formerly owned by Glenridge Reality Trust.

Said parcels are shown on a plan prepared by Survey and Mapping Consultants (SMC) out of Braintree entitled "EASEMENT PLAN, South Street, Hudson, MA," prepared for Gannett Fleming, Inc. dated July 14, 2005, 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 \$10,000 to carry out the provisions of this article;

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Director of Public Works
Director of Community Development
Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 18 Rescind Easement Acquisitions – Houghton Street Bridge

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 18 of the May 2006 Town Meeting by which the Town Meeting voted 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 comprising fourteen (14) parcels located in the Town of Hudson, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts.

Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 19 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 fifteen (15) parcels located in the Town of Hudson, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts.

Parcel E-1 contains approximately 235+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 40, Parcel 122, now or formerly owned by Thomas Taylor and Sons, Inc.; Parcel TE-1A contains approximately 1000+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 40, Parcel 123, now or formerly owned by N.C. Lawrence Limited Partnership; Parcel TE-1 contains approximately 5302+/- 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 3052+/- square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E5 contains approximately 604+/- square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E-2 contains approximately 253+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 247, now or formerly owned by N.C. Lawrence Limited Partnership; Parcel TE-2A contains approximately 1127+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 247, now or formerly owned by N.C. Lawrence Limited Partnership; Parcel TE-2B contains approximately

230+/- 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 1482+/- square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E6 contains approximately 373+/- square feet and is part of the Assabet River; Parcel E-4 contains approximately 276+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 217, now or formerly owned by Glenridge Realty Trust; Parcel TE-4 contains approximately 1528+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 217, now or formerly owned by Glenridge Realty Trust; 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; Parcel TE-7 contains approximately 500+/- square feet and is a portion of Assessors Map 29, Parcel 213, now or formerly owned by P. Douglas Tessier. Said parcels are shown on a plan entitled "Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Department, Houghton Street Bridge over Assabet River H-25-004, Preliminary Right of Way Property Plan, Prepared for the May 2009 Town Meeting," 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
Director of Community Development
Executive Assistant
Board of Selectmen

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

ARTICLE 20 Amend General By-Laws: Public Consumption of Marijuana

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Hudson by adding to said By-Laws under Article VI a new Section 49 as follows:

Section 49 PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in G.L. c. 94C, § 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any

area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This by-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21, or by non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 21D, by any police officer. The fine for violation of this by-law shall be three hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this by-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under G.L. c. 94C, § 32L.

And also amend said By-Laws under Article X, Section 4, non-criminal complaint by adding the following:

Article VI

Section 49 – Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol

Fine \$300.00

Enforcing Officer

Police Department

Or take any relevant action thereto.

Chief of Police

Executive Assistant

Board of Selectmen

Article 20: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article.

ARTICLE 21 Amend Assabet Valley Regional VHS District Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District Agreement that would permit the election of members of the Assabet Valley Regional School District at a District-wide election to be held on the biennial state election ballot, as permitted by Chapter 71, Section 14E (3) of the General Laws and make various related changes to the Assabet Valley Regional School District Agreement, which amendment shall be in the form set forth below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

AMENDMENT NUMBER 3

AMENDMENT TO THE ASSABET VALLEY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT

The agreement providing for the establishment of the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational High School District, as amended, (the "District Agreement") is further amended as follows:

1. Strike out SECTION I and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- (A.) **Composition and Election**

1. The powers and duties of the vocational regional school district shall be vested in and exercised by a vocational regional school district committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Committee", which shall have all the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon school committees and vocational school districts by general and special law and by this Agreement and which shall consist of seven members to be elected by all of the voters of the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "District", voting in a District election to be held at the biennial state elections. The term of office of each member shall be four years, commencing with the date of the biennial state election at which each such member was elected and thereafter, until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified. One member of the Committee shall at all times be a resident of the City of Marlborough and of each of the Towns of Berlin, Hudson, Maynard, Northborough, Southborough and Westborough.
 2. Vacancies which occur on the Committee shall be filled by majority vote of the Selectmen or the City Council, as the case may be, in the member town or city in which the vacancy arises. An appointee filling any such vacancy shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.
 3. The members of the Committee incumbent on the effective date of this amendment from the Towns of Berlin, Hudson, and Maynard, and from the City of Marlborough shall hold office until the 2010 biennial state election, and until their successors have been elected and qualified as herein provided. The members of the Committee incumbent on the effective date of this amendment from the Towns of Northborough, Southborough and Westborough shall hold office until the 2012 biennial state election, and until their successors have been elected and qualified, as herein provided.
- (B.) Nominations
Nominations for membership on the Committee shall be made in accordance with all the procedures prescribed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 53, §122, as from time to time amended, and other pertinent provisions of law.
- (C.) Organization
Annually, at the first regular meeting of the Committee following the first Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairman and a vice chairman from among its own membership.
- (D.) Quorum
A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the Committee but a lesser number may adjourn.
- (E.) Ballot Format
The names and addresses of the candidates shall be arranged on the ballot according to the city or town in which they reside with a separate category for each city or town, the seat for which on the district School Committee is being filled in that election. For each category, there shall be printed such directions as will instruct the voter to vote for the number of candidates to be elected in each town.
- (F.) Powers and Duties
The Committee shall have all the powers and duties confirmed and imposed upon it by this Agreement and such other additional powers and duties as are specified in Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1966, and any amendments thereof or additions thereto,

now or hereafter enacted, or as may be specified in any other applicable general or special law.

2. This amendment to the Regional District Agreement shall become effective upon acceptance of said amendment by each of the member municipalities (as defined in the District Agreement) as provided for in Section VII of said Agreement.

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School
District Committee
Board of Selectmen

Article 21: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the Town approve the amendment to the Assabet Valley Regional Vocational School District Agreement that would permit the election of the members of the Assabet Valley Regional School District at the District-wide election to be held on the biennial state election ballot, as permitted by Chapter 71, Section 14E (3) of the General Laws, and make various related changes to the Assabet Valley Regional School District Agreement, which amendment shall be in the form set forth below;

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2. Vacancies which occur on the Committee shall be filled by majority vote of the Selectmen or the City Council, as the case may be, in the member town or city in which the vacancy arises. An appointee filling any such vacancy shall serve the unexpired portion of the term.
3. The members of the Committee incumbent on the effective date of this amendment from the Towns of Berlin, Hudson, and Maynard, and from the City of Marlborough shall hold office until the 2010 biennial state election, and until their

successors have been elected and qualified as herein provided. The members of the Committee incumbent on the effective date of this amendment from the Towns of Northborough, Southborough and Westborough shall hold office until the 2012 biennial state election, and until their successors have been elected and qualified, as herein provided.

(B.) **Nominations**

Nominations for membership on the Committee shall be made in accordance with all the procedures prescribed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 53, §122, as from time to time amended, and other pertinent provisions of law.

(C.) **Organization**

Annually, at the first regular meeting of the Committee following the first Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairman and a vice chairman from among its own membership.

(D.) **Quorum**

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the Committee but a lesser number may adjourn.

(E.) **Ballot Format**

The names and addresses of the candidates shall be arranged on the ballot according to the city or town in which they reside with a separate category for each city or town, the seat for which on the district School Committee is being filled in that election. For each category, there shall be printed such directions as will instruct the voter to vote for the number of candidates to be elected in each town.

(F.) **Powers and Duties**

The Committee shall have all the powers and duties confirmed and imposed upon it by this Agreement and such other additional powers and duties as are specified in Chapter 513 of the Acts of 1966, and any amendments thereof or additions thereto, now or hereafter enacted, or as may be specified in any other applicable general or special law.

2. This amendment to the Regional District Agreement shall become effective upon acceptance of said amendment by each of the member municipalities (as defined in the District Agreement) as provided for in Section VII of said Agreement.

ARTICLE 22 Feasibility Study for John F. Kennedy School

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$ 391,726) in order to conduct a feasibility study pertaining to the John F. Kennedy (JFK) School located at 201 Manning Street Map 11 Parcel 45, to investigate potential options and solutions, including cost estimates and schematic drawings, to the School's deficiencies as identified in the Statement of Interest submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the MSBA. The Massachusetts School Building Authority's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

JFK Building Committee
Hudson School Committee

Article 22: The Finance Committee recommends that The Town vote to approve the subject matter of this article, and that the sum of Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$391,726) be appropriated in

order to conduct a feasibility study pertaining to the John F. Kennedy (JFK) School located at 201 Manning Street Map 11 Parcel 45, to investigate potential options and solutions, including cost estimates and schematic drawings, to the School's deficiencies as identified in the Statement of Interest submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and that the amount of the appropriation authorized pursuant to this article shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA, and further that the appropriation shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the majority of voters voting on Ballot Question #1 in the Town Election of May 11, 2009 to exclude said appropriation from the limits set on the tax levy by Massachusetts General Laws C.59, Section 21 as amended, (Proposition 2½), for the purposes included herein.

ARTICLE 23 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 23: The Finance Committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the subject matter of this article and that the sum of \$5,000 dollars be raised and appropriated.

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

Precinct I	Hudson High School, 69 Brigham Street
Precinct II	Glen Road Community Center, 4 Glen Road
Precinct III	J.F.K. School, 201 Manning Street
Precinct IV	Joseph P. Mulready School, 306 Cox Street
Precinct V	Forest Avenue School, 138 Forest Avenue
Precinct VI	Auditorium, Town Hall, 78 Main Street
Precinct VII	Auditorium, Town Hall, 78 Main Street

On Monday, May 11, 2009, 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; 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.

Also, to vote on the following question: "Shall the Town of Hudson be allowed to assess an additional Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$ 391,726) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of conducting a feasibility study pertaining to the John F. Kennedy (JFK) School located at 201 Manning Street Map 11 Parcel 45, to investigate potential options and solutions, including cost estimates and schematic drawings, to the School's deficiencies as identified in the Statement of Interest submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the fiscal year beginning July first 2009?"

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 23rd day of February in the year Two Thousand Nine.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS**

Santino Parente, Chairman

Joseph J. Durant , Vice-Chairman

Carl J. Leeber , Clerk

Antonio S. Loura

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".