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OLD BUSKY HULDY

Relic of the Revolution



Old Busky Huldy — The musket used by Sergeant John in the American Revolution and then given to his son John who in turn gave it to his nephew, Benjamin Arnold. In 1926 the musket was presented to the Trustees of the Hills Memorial Library by Otis Addison Merrill. Photo courtesy of Rodgers Memorial Library

Patrons and visitors to the Hills Memorial Library may remember the Musket from the American Revolution displayed over the large field stone fireplace at the rear of the main room of the library.

This musket was carried by Sergeant John Merrill of Nottingham West. John served in Captain Samuel Greeley's Company at the time of the Lexington Alarm in April 1775; he became a Sergeant under James Ford in the Bennington Campaign August 1777. In 1926 Otis Addison Merrill presented this musket known as "Old Busky Huldy" to the Trustees of the Hills Memorial Library. This presentation was made by Otis in behalf of the descendants of Sergeant Merrill and Otis' father, Benjamin.

John named his musket "Old Busky Huldy". The reader may be curious as to what "Busky Huldy" may denote, as these terms are not in common usage; both words are largely obsolete. "Busky" would refer to

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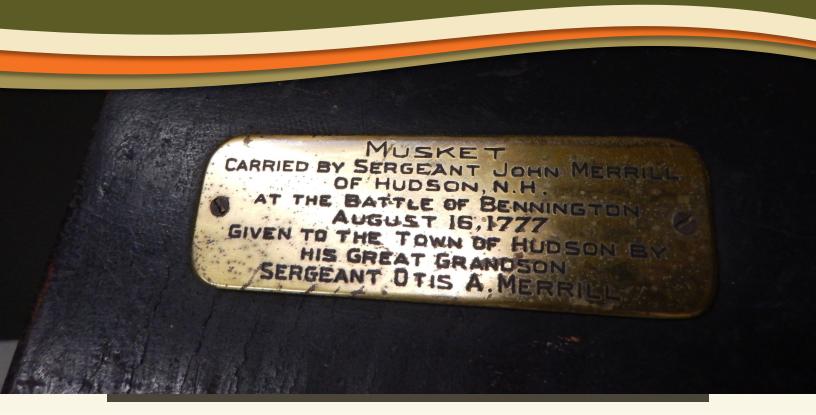
Benjamin Arnold Merrill House — Built prior to 1800 by Benjamin Merrill, the father of Benjamin Arnold Merrill. This is the home where John Merrill spent the last years of his life with his nephew Benjamin Arnold. Also, the childhood home of Otis Addison. Later owned by The Harwood Family, now owned by the Nash/Clegg Family. Photo from Society Collection

"something of or related to the wood" and "Huldy" was a name that might be given to a baby girl. So, in the vernacular, "little girl of the wilderness": his faithful musket!

I became curious about the relationship between Sergeant John, the carrier of the musket, Otis Addison, the donor, and Rev. Nathaniel Merrill, the first settled minister of Nottingham West.

Rev. Nathaniel Merrill and his wife Elizabeth (Sargent) had 12 children. Of interest to us here are their older sons Nathaniel and John. Nathaniel was born 25-SEP-1739 in Nottingham West; he was appointed an Ensign in the militia in 1764. He married Olive Lund in 1767. In 1777 he volunteered for service in Stark's expedition to Bennington, VT. Because of illness he was not able to serve and sent a substitute. He died of consumption in 1779.

John, a younger brother to Ensign Nathaniel, was born 26 Oct 1745 in Nottingham West. He became a Sergeant in the Bennington Campaign. Sergeant John married Sarah Fletcher in 1797at the age of 52. Sarah Fletcher was born August 1778 at Westford, MA. Their oldest son, John, was born in 1799. This John was a farmer in Tyngsboro, MA and did not marry. Sarah Fletcher died in 1811 a young mother of 5. Sergeant John died in 1821.



Historic Plaque – Identifies the musket as belonging to Sergeant John and presented to Hudson by Otis in 1926. The relationship of Otis to Sergeant John as stated on the plaque is not correct. Photo courtesy of Rodgers Memorial Library

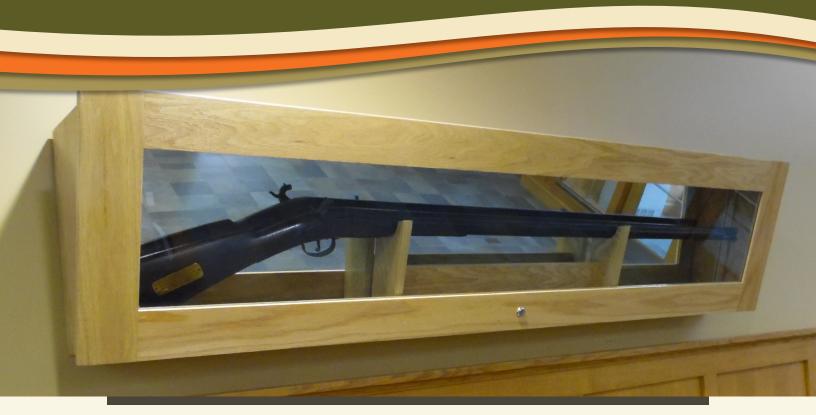
Otis Addison Merrill, a son of Mary Jane (Winn) and Benjamin Arnold Merrill, was born in Hudson in 1844. Benjamin Arnold a son of Sarah (Plumer)(Caton) and Benjamin Merrill, was born in Nottingham West in 1821. This Benjamin was a son of Olive (Lund) and Ensign Nathaniel and was born in Nottingham West in 1768. Thus, Otis was a great-great grandson of Rev. Nathaniel Merrill through Ensign Nathaniel.

At the age of 17 Otis Addison enlisted in the 7th NH Volunteers and served until the close of the Civil War. He was an architect in Lowell for many years and in 1901 moved to a farm in East Pepperell, MA.

The musket was kept in the possession of Sergeant John as long as he lived and then it passed to the care of his son John in 1821 who held it in great reverence. During the last years of his life John, the son, went to live with a nephew, Benjamin Arnold Merrill of Hudson. Before his death in 1886 John took the musket and gave it to Benjamin Arnold and asked him to pass it on to his eldest son. Prior to Benjamin's death in 1909 the musket was placed in the possession of Otis Addison with the understanding that it should be given to the Town of Hudson, NH and properly cared for in the Hills Memorial Library. This presentation was made by Otis in 1926.

Both Otis Addison and his son Rev Boynton participated in the Hudson bicentennial celebration in 1933. Otis was one of the guest speakers. Rev Boynton Merrill gave the bicentennial sermon at the Community Church. They were direct descendants of Rev. Nathaniel Merrill, the first settled minister of this town.

Sargent John, the carrier, and Otis, the donor, had a common ancestor in Rev. Merrill. Sargent John was the great grand uncle of Otis.



Musket of John Merrill as displayed in main lobby of Rodgers Library.

The ownership of "Old Busky Huldy" goes as follows: Carried by Sargent John Merrill in the American Revolution who then passed it to his son John. This John did not marry and spent the last few years of his life living with a nephew, Benjamin Arnold Merrill. Before his death in 1886, John gave the musket to Benjamin Arnold and asked that it be passed to his oldest son. Prior to his death in 1909, Benjamin Arnold placed the musket in the possession of his oldest son Otis with the understanding that it would be given to the Town of Hudson. In 1926 Otis presented the musket to the trustees of the Hills Memorial Library where it was displayed for many years above the field stone fireplace. The musket is now on display in Rodgers Memorial Library. It is in a wooden, lighted case on the right wall of the main lobby.

The above was researched and written to explain the history of "Old Busky Huldy" and to establish the lineage of Otis and Sergeant John back to Rev. Nathaniel. In so doing, we have shown that Sergeant John was the great grand uncle of Otis; not his great grandfather as previously published in the Town Report for 1926 and in 'Town in Transition'. *

References

- I. Letter from Otis Addison Merrill to Trustees of Hills Memorial Library. Presented May 26 and 27, 1926.
- 2. Hudson Annual Town Report year ending January 31, 1926. Page 91
- 3. "Town in Transition" Page 88.
- 4. Family of Rev. Nathaniel Merrill as documented in "Merrill Memorial". This is available on Merrill.org.



Rabies Vaccination Clinic Sponsored by GFWC Hudson Women's Club

Saturday, April 15, 2023 9 AM to 12 Noon



Wilbur H. Palmer CTE Center Alvirne High School 200 Derry Road Hudson,NH parking in lower CTE lot



\$15 (cash or check) per cat or dog vaccination
must bring prior rabies certificate for a 3-year vaccination

Harvey's Hope Animal Rescue Offering FREE Microchips
There is a one-time registration fee of \$15 (cash or check) per cat or dog.
Registration for vaccination and microchip will be done at separate tables.
NEW! Both will be administered at same time by Hudson Animal Hospital.



ATTENTION:

- 1. ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH (tighten collars to prevent escape).

 2. CATS MUST BE IN SECURE CARRIERS.
- 3. OWNERS AND PETS WILL ENTER THROUGH THE NATURAL RESOURCES DOOR.
- 4. TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT TOWN HALL WILL BE OPEN FOR DOG LICENSES ONLY FROM
 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON APRIL 15th.



Contact: Animal Control (603) 889-7387 with questions or Harvey's Hope Animal Rescue at harveyshope.org

ELECTION RECOUNT ANNOUNCED

There will be a recount of the 3-year term for the Board of Selectmen vacancy. The public is welcome to observe.

Monday, April 10, 2023 7:00 p.m. Hudson Community Center

2023 Summer Transfer Station Hours

Beginning April 8th, the Transfer Station will be open the second and last Saturday through the end of November. Your 2023 passes can be picked up at the Public Works garage.



Elected Candidates

March 2023 Town Candidates

Selectmen 1 (3-year term)

Heidi Jakoby

* David S. Morin

Marcus Nicolas Robert Cooper

Selectmen 1 (1-year term)

Brian Alan Etienne Matthew Keller Richard J. Weissgarber

* Dillon Dumont

Planning Board 2 (3-year term)

Brian Alan Etienne

- * Victor Oates
- * Jordan G. Ulery

Budget Committee 3 (3-year term)

- * James H Lawrence III
 - * Patrick Quinlan
 - * Kevin M. Walsh

Budget Committee 1 (1-year term)

* Shawn N. Jasper

<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u> <u>1 (3-year term)</u>

* Harry Schibanoff

Cemetery Trustees 1 (3-year term)

* Lauren Young

Code of Ethics 2 (3-year term)

- * Michael MacDonald
 - * Joshua Hill

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
1 (3-year term)

* Christine Strout-Lizotte

Library Trustees 2 (3-year term)

- * Mimi Guessferd
 - * Karen Bohrer

March 2023 School Candidates

School Board 2 (3-year term)

- * Ethan Beals
- * Michael Campbell

Cristina Farris Kimberly Lawrence Alanna Stangroom

School District Treasurer 1 (3-year term)

* Thomas Barrett

School District Clerk1 (3-year term)

* Diane F. Cannava

School District Moderator

* Paul Inderbitzen

* Denotes winning candidate

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The Town of Hudson would like to thank all the residents who showed up for their community and voted on March 28, 2023.

Article 02 Planning Board Amendment



<u>What this does:</u> Revises the Table of Permitted Principal Uses in the Hudson Zoning Ordinance to separate Wholesale, Warehouse, Self-storage mini-warehouse and Distribution facilities into their own separate categories. Planning Board approval would be required to change from one category to another. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Article 03 Petition to Amend town Code 334 (by petition)



<u>What this does:</u> By citizen petition. Revises the Table of Permitted Uses to remove warehouses or distribution facilities greater than 100,000 sq. ft. as permitted uses in the General (G) and General 1 (G1) zones and allows them only in the Industrial (I) zone. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Article 04 Operating Budget



<u>What this does:</u> Approves a budget of \$33,527,659. Major increases are for increased gasoline, diesel, road salt and road stripping costs as well as replacement vehicles for Public Works and Fire. In addition, it includes the cost for filling the vacant Associate Planner position. (Tax impact is \$0.42 per \$1,000 of value, estimated Tax rate of \$4.97 per \$1,000)

Article 05 Sewer Fund Operating Budget



<u>What this does:</u> Approves a budget of \$2,175,003. The Sewer Fund is a Special Revenue Fund and all costs are paid by sewer users and not the property taxpayer. There are no changes to the sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2024. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)





<u>What this does:</u> Approves a budget of \$4,526,001. The Water Fund is Special Revenue Fund and all costs are paid by water users and not the property taxpayer. There are no changes to the water rates for Fiscal Year 2024. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Article 07 Hudson Police, Fire & Town Supervisors Association Contract



<u>What this does:</u> Provides for a 5 year contract with the employees in the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association. Employees in this association include Police Captains and Lieutenants, Fire Deputies and Captains, Public Works Supervisors and other supervisory and professional personnel. Provides for fixed 3.0% COLA per year and anniversary steps for those that are eligible. (Tax impact is \$0.04 per \$1,000)

Article 08 Hudson Public Works Union Contract



<u>What this does:</u> Provides for a 1 year contract with the employees in the Hudson Public Works Department Union. Employees in this union include Foremen, Equipment Operators, Mechanics, Head Groundskeeper, Truck Drivers/Laborers and Operations Assistant. Provides for a 3.0% COLA and anniversary steps for those that are eligible. (Tax impact is \$0.02 per \$1,000)

Article 09 Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Funding



<u>What this does:</u> Funds a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in March 2021 for the purpose of purchasing new and replacement body worn cameras, Tasers and bullet proof shields. Proposes to use \$100,000 from the Town's fund balance of approximately \$7.6 million as the source of funding. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Article 10 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Funding



<u>What this does:</u> Funds a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in March 2008 for the purpose of future property revaluations. NH Municipalities are required to reassess property a minimum of once every 5 years. Hudson's last Town-wide property reassessment was in 2022. (Tax impact is \$0.01 per \$1,000)



Article 11 VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Funding



<u>What this does:</u> Funds a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in March 2006 for the purpose of replacing the VacCon truck. The VacCon truck is used to clean out the Town's sewer system and storm water drainage system. ½ of the funding comes from the Sewer Fund and ½ comes from the General Fund. The truck has a life expectancy of 8 to 10 years. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)



Article 12 Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Funding



<u>What this does:</u> Funds a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in March 2008 for the purpose of refurbishing and repairing the Town's large fire apparatus to extend their useful life. (Tax impact is \$0.01 per \$1,000)



Article 13 Generator Replacement/Repair Capital Reserve Funding



What this does: Funds a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in March 2022 for the purpose of replacing and repairing the Town's emergency power generators. There are currently 21 emergency generators equally split between town buildings, sewer pump stations and water booster stations and wells. The funding is split 1/3 from the General Fund, 1/3 from the Sewer Fund and 1/3 from the Water Fund. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)



Article 14 Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Funding



<u>What this does:</u> Funds a Capital Reserve Fund that was established in March 1998 for the purpose of purchasing and renovation the Benson Park property. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)



Article 15 Readopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit



<u>What this does:</u> Readopts the Optional Veterans' \$600 annual tax credit for those who qualify. Recent State legislation expanded the credit to active duty personnel and qualified National Guard and Reservists. Failure by the Town to readopt the Optional Credit will result in the credit being reduced to the standard amount of \$50. In 2022, the Town had 1,036 veterans receiving either the Optional or All Veterans' tax credit. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)





Article 16 Readopt All Veterans' Tax Credit

<u>What this does:</u> Readopts the All Veterans' \$600 annual tax credit for those who qualify. Recent State legislation expanded the credit to active duty personnel and qualified National Guard and Reservists. Failure by the Town to readopt the All Veterans' Credit will result in the credit being reduced to the standard amount of \$50. In 2022, the Town had 1,036 veterans receiving either the Optional or All Veterans' tax credit. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)



Article 17 Discontinue Combined Town Clerk/Tax Collector



<u>What this does:</u> Proposes to separate the combined elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector position into a separate elected Town Clerk and appointed Tax Collector. The responsibilities of the combined position have become too much for one individual and the majority of Towns of our size and in our area have already separated the positions. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)



Article 18 Establish a Public Safety Services Revolving Fund



<u>What this does:</u> Establishes a revolving fund per RSA 31:95-h (c) for the purpose of purchasing, outfitting and maintaining police vehicles and other safety equipment as needed. Funding for this revolving fund will come from ½ of the Police Cruiser Detail fee collected from private details. The Town collected over \$48,000 in Police Cruiser Detail fees last year. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)



Article 19 Appoint Conservation Commission Agents To Expend



<u>What this does:</u> Appoints the Conservation Commission as agents to expend funds from the Forest Maintenance Fund for the maintenance of Town Forests. The Town has 3 Town Forests and over 150 acres under management. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)





<u>What this does:</u> Adopts the Hudson Community Power Plan which is an opt-out program that will allow the Town to provide energy supply and related services on behalf of Hudson's residents and businesses. Community power programs create an economy of scale that can result in more affordable electricity and expanded options for renewables and innovative energy technologies. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment in the plan becomes voluntary. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Article 21 Amend Town Code 317-34 (by Petition)



<u>What this does:</u> By citizen petition. If passed, this would amend Town Code to prohibit Truck Traffic, Commercial and Heavy vehicles from using Collector Roads (as defined in Town Code Chapter 334:11 (b)) in Hudson. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Article 22 Hire One Police Officer (by Petition)



<u>What this does:</u> By citizen petition. This petition would establish the position of Wellness Officer in the Police department and hires a replacement Police Patrol Officer. (Tax impact is \$0.03 per \$1,000)

Article 23 Rescind Adoption of Budget Committee Sections 32:14-32:24 and Replace the Budget Committee with an Advisory Budget committee (by Petition)

What this does: By citizen petition. This petition would replace the currently elected Budget Committee with an advisory Budget Committee with members appointed by the Town Moderator. (Tax impact is \$0.00 per \$1,000)

Click here to see both Town and School results as declared by the Town Moderator

How the Town of Hudson Came to Own the Water Utility

The Town

was able to lower

the water rates by 10%

after the purchase from

Consumers, and has

not increased our

rates since the

purchase.

Prior to 1998, Consumers New Hampshire Water Company owned and operated the water system for the Town of Hudson and several other communities in the State of NH. The Town, tired of having the water rates continue to increase, proposed to the residents a plan to purchase the utility from Consumers NH Water Company.

State law RSA 38:4 authorizes
Towns to establish ownership of
a water system through an
annual or special Town
meeting. On January 13,
1998 the Town held a special
Town meeting at which the
acquisition of the water system
from Consumers NH Water
Company was approved by a
greater than 2/3 majority of the voters.

The Town of Hudson purchased the whole company from Consumers NH for 34 million dollars. The Town of Hudson kept the 3 supply wells and infrastructure for Hudson and then sold the rest of the company to Pennichuck Water Works for 7 million dollars. The Town was able to lower the water rates by 10% after the purchase from Consumers, and has not increased our rates since the purchase. The State law RSA 38:26(1) authorizes a municipality, through

its Board of Selectman, to adopt ordinances and bylaws relating to the water system or structures as required for proper maintenance and operation, which includes the authority to create a Water Utility Committee with duties prescribed by the Board of Selectman. The Water Utility Committee is now combined with the Sewer Utility

and is now called the MUC or Municipal Utility Committee.

The Town hired Pennichuck
Water Works to maintain the
water system until 2018
when the Town went out to
bid for a new company to
maintain the system and
Whitewater was granted the
contract to maintain the water
system.

The Hudson Water Utility is funded by the water users and is a not for profit utility.

All monies are used for the operation and maintenance of the water utility, any extra money is for capital improvements and water fund balance for emergencies. The bond used to purchase the Water Utility will be paid in 2028. This has been a huge success for the Town of Hudson!

Hudson Recreation Departments LISUMMER







Summer Programs

PROGRAM: Details

Early Bird Registration opens online on March 10, 2023www.hudsonnh.gov/recreation

Discount rate will run from 3/10 - 4/10 ONLYI

Summer Program Dates & Times:

June 26th -August 17th
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Please note, participants must be 6 years old to register. No exceptions will be made.

Birth certificates are required for all 6 year olds.

EARLY BIRD OFFER

Applies to Hudson residents only, excludes the 10- day pass booklet

Two options for Hudson Residents:

- Full 8-Week Program (not required to attended every day)
- 2. 10 Day Pass Book Choose any 10 days to attend

PRICING

- \$380- Full Program for Hudson residents (price will be \$400 after 4/10)
- \$50 Discount Each additional sibling
- \$190 10 day Pass Book (residents only)
- Out of Towners- \$475
- \$5 Before hours care (8:00am-9:00am)
- \$5 After hours care (4:00pm-5:00pm)

Questions? Call 880-1600 or email cpeterson@hudsonnh.gov or nbusnach@hudsonnh.gov





A RECIPE FROM TOWN HALL

Bow Ties with Sausage, Tomatoes and Cream

- 1 (12oz.) package of bow tie pasta
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 lb. sweet Italian sausage, casing removed and crumbled
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup diced onion

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 28 oz.) can Italianstyle plum tomatoes, drained and coarsely chopped
- 1 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 tbsp. minced fresh parsley

- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.
- Cook pasta in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente; drain.
- Heat oil in a large, deep skillet over medium heat.
- Cook sausage and pepper flakes until sausage is evenly brown.
- Stir in onion and garlic, and cook until onion is tender.
- Stir in tomatoes, cream, and salt.
- Simmer until mixture thickens, 8 to 10 minutes.
- Stir cooked pasta into sauce and heat through.
- Sprinkle with parsley.

Judy MacNeil—Public Works Department



In your role as Board or Committee member, you will review various Town topics and issues assisting the Board of Selectmen in making informed decisions and formulating policy.

CURRENT OPENINGS

Board/Committee	Member	Alternate
Benson Park Committee	0	2
Cable Utility Committee	3	0
Conservation Commission	0	1
Recreation Committee	0	1
Sustainability Committee	3	2
Zoning Board of Adjustment	0	2

To find out more, simply click on the name of the Board or Committee of interest. For an application, click here.



Thank you for your interest in joining the Town of Hudson Team.

Paper applications are available at the Town Administration Office or online. You can email, snail mail, or apply in person. Applications are accepted only in response to listed vacancies.

We appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.



CURRENT OPENINGS

Fire Department

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Land Department

SIGN UP NOW TO RECEIVE

Announcements

NEWS Public Notices PUBLIC HEARING

Public Works will be adjusting Sewer Covers on Lowell Road from Central Street to Flagstone Drive starting Monday November 15 at 7am

Please Use Caution



GET THEM NOW!



TOWN OF HUDSON

Planning Board

Timothy Malley, Chairman Robert Græssferd, Selectmen Liaison

Hadson, New Hampshire 03051 Tel: 603-885-6008 Fax: 603-594-1142 MASTER PLAN PUBLIC HEARING March 22, 2023

The Town of Hudson Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m in the Buxton Meeting Roam of Town Hall, 12 School Street, Hudson, NH for adoption of updates

Community Facilities Chapter of the Master Plan Historic Resources Chapter of the Master Plan

First Week



Meeting Calendar

Board of Selectmen 11

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7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Municipal Utility

Click on any meeting to view the agenda for the specified date.

Recreation Cmte.

7:00 pm

Highway Safety Cmt. 5 7:00 pm

Budget Cmte. 7:00 pm

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Planning Board 7:00 pm

19 **Library Trustees** 7:00 pm

Benson Park Cmte. 20 7:00 pm

Sustainability Cmte. 24

Cable Utility Cmte. 10

Conservation Comm.

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Board of Selectmen 25 7:00 pm

Planning Board 7:00 pm

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Zoning Board 7:00 pm

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Click here to receive The Town Crier!

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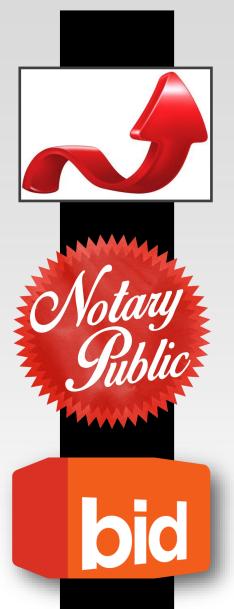
♦ Zoning	
Police Department	886-6011
Public Works	886-6018
Recreation Department	880-1600
Rodgers Memorial Library	886-6030
Sewer Utility	886-6029
Town Clerk	886-6003
Com/Doot Domintuntion	

- Car/Boat Registrations
- ♦ Taxes
- ♦ Voter Registration
- ♦ Vital Records

Board of Selectmen:

Kara Roy
Bob Guessferd
Marilyn McGrath
David Morin
Dillon Dumont

Announcements



CREDIT CARD SERVICE CHARGES TO INCREASE

Service charge increase effective March 26, 2023 for credit/debit card purchases at Town Hall.

NEED A NOTARY PUBLIC?

Notary Public services are available by each clerk at the Town Clerk's Office. No appointment necessary.

CURRENT BIDS & REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

See the list of Bids and RFPs the town is currently seeking.

