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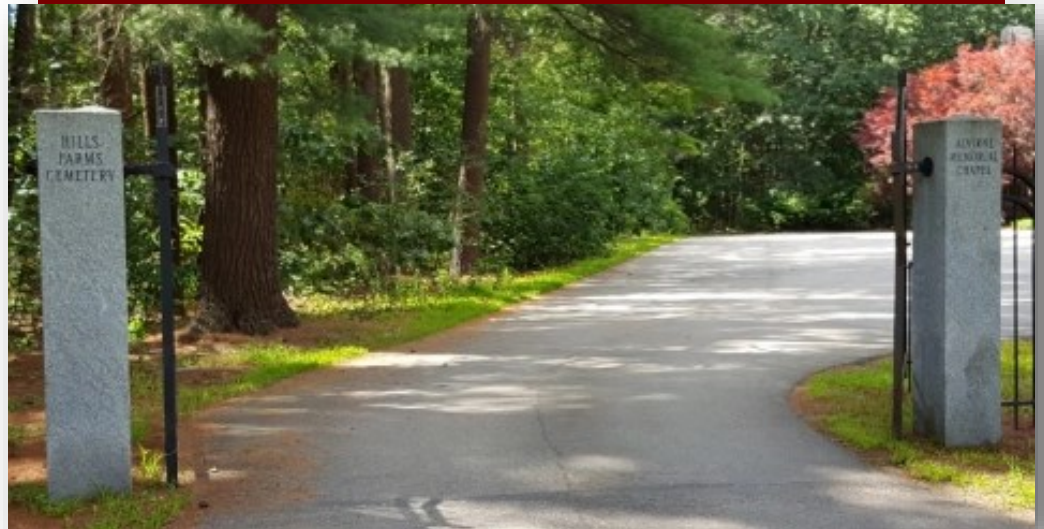
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Ancient Cemeteries of Hudson

Hudson has five ancient cemeteries founded before 1800. Let's see how the shifting boundaries and settlements of our town influenced their location!



Hills Farm Cemetery

The old town of Dunstable, including most of the current town of Hudson, NH, received its charter from the Province of Massachusetts in 1673. The first and only grant of land within the

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boundaries of present-day Hudson before 1673 was 500 acres laid out to Joseph Hills of Malden, MA. The most significant tract was 450 acres along the east side of the Merrimack beginning a short distance south of the mouth of the Nashua River and extending north a distance beyond Derry Lane. The first settlement on the east side of the river was about 1710 when 3 grandsons of Joseph Hills (Nathaniel, Henry, and James) built a garrison on the northern most part of this grant.

Even though we have no specific proof, it is generally conceded that the Hills Farm cemetery is the most ancient in town. The original part of this cemetery was midway between Derry and Litchfield roads and bounded on the north by Derry Lane. We do not know the date it was laid out or the dates of early internments as the early settlers seldom erected markers. But it was several years after the brothers established the garrison as some young children of Nathaniel are interred in an ancient burial ground in Nashua (then Dunstable). According to Webster's History it was probably used as a burial place prior to 1730. Today, access is through the open gates of the Alvirne Memorial Chapel at 160 Derry Road.

Ford Cemetery

After the end of the Indian wars, C1725, the immigration of new settlers into the area began at a rapid pace. Settlements were taking place on both sides of the river. In addition, the New Hampshire province had granted a parcel, called Nutfield, to a group of Scotch Irish settlers. A portion of this settlement extended into the northeast corner of Dunstable. This gave rise to confusion and conflict as settlements were being made from 2

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different provinces. As early as 1721 a small corner of northeast Dunstable was incorporated as the town of Londonderry.

By January 1732-1733 families with names of Blodgett, Cummings, Cross, Colburn, Greeley, Hill, Lovewell, Marsh, Pollard, and Winn had started two distinct settlements on the east side of the river; one to the north near the Hills Garrison and one to the south. As it was difficult for these settlers to attend meetings and services across the river they petitioned to become separate town and by January 4, 1733, the town of Nottingham, MA was granted a charter. The first tax list included 55 members.

A condition of the charter requires an orthodox minister to be settled within 3 years. The Rev. Nathaniel Merrill was ordained here on November 30, 1737.

Selecting a pastor was one thing, agreeing upon the location of the meeting house was another. This was especially true in Nottingham where there was much polarity with settlement on the north near the Hills garrison, and on the south near Blodgett and Fletcher garrisons. A survey showed the town center to be near Musquash Brook on land owned by Thomas Colburn. Even then the decision was difficult. The issue was finally settled when Mr. Colburn donated land to the town with the provision that it be used for the meeting house. The first meeting house was erected here in 1734. It was a common New England custom to have burying ground adjacent to the meetinghouse. This was not practical because of the nature of the nearby ground. A suitable place not far from the meeting house was found and Ford Cemetery was laid out as a small yard of one-half acre enclosed within a stone wall with an iron gate. The oldest inscription here was that of Ensign John Snow Mach 28, 1735. To locate, travel less than ¼ mile south of the Musquash conservation area, on your left and down a gravel roadway.



Blodgett Cemetery

The stability of the town center lasted less than ten 10 years. By 1741 the provincial line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was established. During this period the town of Nottingham, MA was reconfigured. Of the 55 people, 13 remained a part of the province of Massachusetts and the town of Tyngsborough; the remaining 42

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became the District of Nottingham, New Hampshire. From here the individual towns of Litchfield and Pelham were incorporated. The area remaining was incorporated in 1746 as Nottingham West, NH with 18 people on the tax rolls.

A second Meeting house was built on Lowell Road and a burial ground, known as Blodgett, established around in 1748. The first meeting was held August 3, 1748, and the first interment in 1749. This ancient cemetery remains at the corner of Pelham Road with Lowell Road.



Senter Cemetery

A small burying place, containing almost 3/4 of an acre, called Senter Cemetery or Senter Yard, was first located in the southwest corner of Londonderry at Potash Corner. Likely set off from the Senter Farm from which it was named. Looking at the names and dates on the inscriptions one can see it was used as a burying place for Londonderry residents several years before the annexation to Nottingham West (now Hudson) in 1778.

We do not know the date this yard was first used for burials. From the inscriptions recorded by Kimball Webster in 1908 the oldest date found was upon a rough stone marked "E.L. K.I.D. Feb. 24, 1759", which probably stands for Kidder. The next to the oldest is the marker for Jean Senter, wife of John Senter, who died Jul 10, 1765. John and Jean Senter were the grandparents of Deacon Thomas Senter. If John Senter was laid to rest alongside his wife his marker, along with many other, have long since been destroyed or disappeared. In 1995 the descendants of John and Jean Senter placed a memorial marker at the cemetery in their memory.

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Old Hudson Center Cemetery

In the 1770's a settlement was developing in Hudson Center near the Common; a triangular piece of land formed by roads from Hudson Center to Windham (Windham Road) and to Pelham (Kimball Hill Road). By 1771 the North Meeting house was built by the Presbyterians with land deeded to them by Henry Hale. Mr. Hale owned a large farm in Hudson Center. In 1775 he deeded one-half acre of land to



the town for a cemetery. Tradition has it that Mrs. Gibson was the first person buried here, unfortunately the date cannot be confirmed. The oldest known inscription is for John Haselton Smith, a son of Page and Lydia Smith who died September 8, 1778, at the age of 2 years and 8 months.

This yard became filled with graves as early as 1850; and few, if any, burials have been made there since that date. It is estimated the unmarked graves within this yard outnumber those with headstones by as much as 200-300%. Today, this yard is on the lower, east corner of the Hudson Center Common, just above Cahill's Sub Shop. The North Meeting House was located opposite the common on Central Street, and very near the site of the current Wattannick Hall. ♦

This is the first of two articles in Hudson Cemeteries. Next month will look at the more recent activity and a look at the Wreath Across America project of the VFW.

Editor's Note: The "hot links" in this dialogue will direct you to articles in RememberHudsonNHWhen.com for further information. Use "shift-click" on the link and you will be returned to this file when you close the link. Enjoy!!





Unused landfill transformed into landmark renewable energy and economic development project for Kearsarge Energy and the City of Manchester

SOLAR FARMS

COMING TO WEST ROAD LANDFILL

THE TOWN OF HUDSON HAS THE POTENTIAL TO UTILIZE PORTIONS OF THE WEST ROAD LANDFILL SITE TO INSTALL SOLAR PANELS TO CREATE REVENUE THROUGH A LEASE AGREEMENT OR COST SAVINGS ON OUR ELECTRICAL BILL.

Due to many variables of the site and the permitting process, we followed a qualifications based selection process and we received eleven qualified submittals. The Board of Selectmen established a committee to recommend the best vendor for this project. Five of eleven firms were selected for the interview process and four were interviewed.

A committee established by the Board of Selectmen consisting of Department of Public Works, the Town Engineer, the Town Administrator and BOS selectmen, Bob Guessferd, selected Kearsarge Energy out of Boston, MA based on the most revenue and savings for the Town, the experience in New Hampshire and expertise on similar landfill projects.



Proposed site location for the solar farm at the West Road Landfill

As the leading developer based in New England, Kearsarge Solar will meet the growing demand for reliable and cost-effective commercial-scale renewable energy by focusing on landfills and underutilized land.

Kearsarge Solar was recently awarded rights to develop nearby projects at Belknap County, the city of Concord and the Pelham School District.

Here are a few bullet points:

Lease Revenue

- Annual lease payment of \$14,000 per MW DC beginning on COD with a 2.25% annual esc.
- Total Lease Revenue is expected to be \$48,440 in year 1, \$1,602,064 over 25 years, and \$3,089,802 over 40 years.
- Kearsarge will offer a lease payment during the construction period equal to 50% of the year 1 lease rate (\$7,000 per MW DC) which will provide an additional \$7,500+ lease revenue to the Town assuming a four month construction period.

Electricity Bill Savings for the Town and School Department

- 15% discount off the net metering rate with no floor.
- Hudson will receive net metering credits equal to 90% of our annual electric kWh load - appx. 2,250,000 kWh and sell the remaining kWh produced (roughly 2,080,000 kWh) to the School Department.
- Total savings for **Hudson** expected to be \$43,875 in year 1, \$1,403,089 over 25 years and \$2,642,968 over 40 years.
- Total saving for the **School Department** are expected to be \$40,560 in year 1, \$1,297,077 over 25 years and \$2,443,276 over 40 years.
- Total savings for **Hudson and School Department** are expected to be \$84,435 in year 1, \$2,700,166 over 25 years and \$5,086,244 over 40 years.

Town of Hudson



Master Plan Update

The Planning Board is pleased to announce new Master Plan Chapters have been adopted by the Planning Board. Some Chapters are currently in the approval process and some are complete. Here are the finalized chapters:

CHAPTER VIII - COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Adopted by the Planning Board at the May 10, 2023 Planning Board meeting

The provision of adequate community facilities and services is the principal responsibility of town government and is vital to maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Overall, Hudson residents appear to be largely satisfied with the town's existing community facilities and services. This is especially true for the Benson Park and the Library as well as other select facilities such as the Senior Center.

This chapter examines the existing and estimated future level of service needs for each of the town's principal community facilities and services based on information derived from the 2006 Master Plan, the 2019 Master Plan survey and public input sessions, the FY2020 CIP, Town and School District Annual Reports, and other sources. Although a variety of subjects are examined, an emphasis is placed on space needs and capital improvements.

CHAPTER III - NATURAL RESOURCES

Adopted by the Planning Board at the May 10, 2023 Planning Board meeting

Hudson's natural resources are among the most valued of the town's assets and the conservation of open space, is one of the highest priorities for Hudson residents. When asked to identify issues that concerned them the most in the 2019 Master Plan survey, respondents identified the loss of open space and natural areas as their top concern.

The Natural Resources Chapter is designed to consider various constraints to development in planning for the future growth of the community and to identify priorities for conservation. This chapter is an update of the 2006 Master Plan Natural Resources chapter.

CHAPTER VII - HISTORIC RESOURCES

Adopted by the Planning Board at the May 10, 2023 Planning Board meeting

The quality of future planning can be enhanced in many ways by an appreciation of a community's past. Although Hudson's historic resources are overshadowed by the amount of new construction which has occurred over the past decades, the historic buildings and sites which survive play a critical role in defining the town's character and connecting the present with the past. Like many environmental resources, historic resources are precious, fragile, and nonrenewable and may be lost without awareness, respect, and adequate protection. Hudson's historic resources also play an important role in contributing to the rural and small-town character valued by so many Hudson residents.

CHAPTER IV - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Adopted by the Planning Board at the September 27, 2023 Planning Board meeting

The Economic Development chapter of the Master Plan is intended to address both the economic wellbeing of Hudson residents as well as strength of the town's tax base. The factors influencing the local economy are largely driven by forces operating at the super-regional, state, national and international level, and are typically beyond the control of a single community. The town, however, can manage the ways in which it engages with broader economic forces. One of the areas where the town has a great deal of control is local zoning and other land use regulations. Land use regulations, together with other local ordinances and regulations, work to encourage or hinder opportunities for business development, investment, and job creation in the town.

CHAPTER VI - LAND USE

Adopted by the Planning Board at the October 11, 2023 Planning Board meeting

Population growth, housing needs, economic trends, and the regulatory environment have resulted in direct changes to the Hudson landscape. The Town's existing natural features, roadways, and built environment are the foundation for future development and conservation efforts. This chapter discusses 1) historic development patterns; 2) an analysis of developed land and existing land uses, including residential, recreational, commercial, industrial and agricultural land uses; 3) and analysis of undeveloped land and Hudson's existing zoning districts.

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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

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

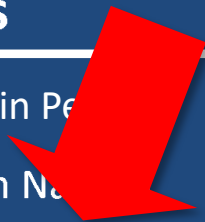
Saturday April 22, 8am - 12pm in Nashua
Thursday June 1, 3pm - 7pm in Nashua
Saturday Aug. 5, 8am - 12pm in Nashua

Saturday Aug. 26, 8am - 12pm in Pelham
Saturday Oct. 7, 8am - 12pm in Nashua
Saturday Nov. 4, 8am - 12pm in Nashua

Nashua City Park & Ride
25 Crown Street, Nashua
all dates EXCEPT August 26



Pelham Transfer Station
33 Newcomb Field Pkwy, Pelham
August 26 ONLY



For residents of: Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham & Windham

Accepted Household Hazardous Waste:

Oil-based Pain	Gasoline	Fluorescent Bulbs
Lead Paint	Brake Fluid	Adhesive
Oil-based Stains	Fertilizers	Sealers
Polyurethane	Pesticides	Pool Products
Solvents	Insecticides	Acids
Thinners	Household Cleaners	Photo Chemicals
Antifreeze	Mercury	

NOT Accepted:

- Latex Paint
- Electronics
- Medication
- Fire Extinguishers
- Smoke Detectors
- Used Oil
- Car Batteries

COST: \$15 PER VEHICLE

- Covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste. Carpooling is encouraged.
- Additional charges:
\$1/gallon above 10 gallons
50¢/pound above 20lbs
- Cash or check.
- Checks payable to: NRSWMD.

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For communities, by communities.

COMMUNITY POWER

Lower Rates	Local Control
Consumer Choice	Clean Energy

What is Community Power?

Community Power allows customers to save money and expand their energy choices through economy of scale. The program pools the electricity demand of participating customers across the town to increase buying power and expand local control. The program will only launch if it can offer a lower rate.

Who will deliver my electricity?

Electric distribution utilities like Eversource will continue to own and operate the electric grid, and bill customers.

How is it funded?

The program is self-funded through electric bill payments. No taxpayer funds are used to cover program expenses.



What are the goals?



Our goals include:

1. Lowering rates and saving customers money
2. Creating innovative and clean energy choices for customers
3. Support local economic development of beneficial energy upgrades, programs and projects



What does Community Power mean for you?

Prior to launch, all customers will be mailed notification detailing the program and including the initial supply rate and clean energy options as compared to the utility rate.

30 days after the mailing, Community Power becomes the new default energy supply option.

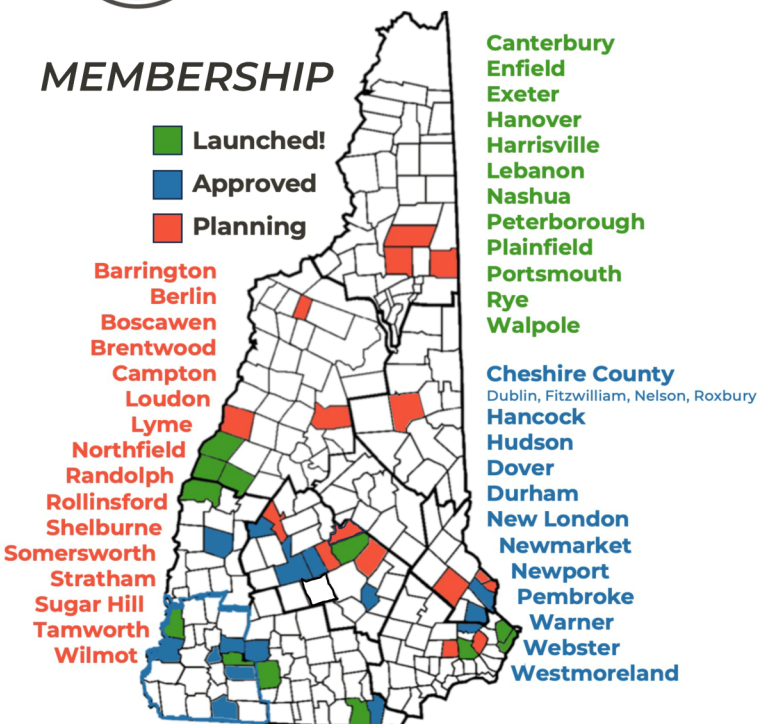
Community Power is voluntary. Customers can opt-in/out/up at: CommunityPowerNH.gov or by calling 1-866-603-7697 (POWR)



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MEMBERSHIP

- Launched!
- Approved
- Planning



Background

The passage of a Community Power warrant article at Town Meeting authorizes the town to launch Community Power.

We are joining Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, a nonprofit public power company created to serve the interests of NH communities.

CPCNH is governed "for communities, by communities" and supports towns statewide.

Learn More

Visit www.cpcnh.org and CommunityPowerNH.gov

Or scan the QR code to read our FAQs



Lower Rates
Local Control
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MUSHROOM AND LEEK BREAD PUDDING

- 6 cups (1/2-inch-diced) bread cubes from a rustic country loaf, crusts removed
- 2 tablespoons good olive oil
- 1 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 ounces pancetta, small-diced
- 4 cups sliced leeks, white and light green parts (4 leeks)
- 1 1/2 pounds cremini mushrooms, stems trimmed and 1/4-inch-sliced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon leaves
- 1/4 cup medium or dry sherry
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 cup minced fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 4 extra-large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup chicken stock, preferably homemade
- 1 1/2 cups grated Gruyere cheese (6 ounces), divided

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spread the bread cubes on a sheet pan and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until lightly browned. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil and butter in a large (12-inch) sauté pan over medium heat. Add the pancetta and cook for 5 minutes, until starting to brown. Stir in the leeks and cook over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes, until the leeks are tender. Stir in the mushrooms, tarragon, sherry, 1 table-spoon salt and 11/2 teaspoons pepper and cook for 10 to 12 minutes, until most of the liquid evaporates, stirring occasionally. Off the heat, stir in the parsley.
3. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs, cream, chicken stock and 1 cup of the Gruyere. Add the bread cubes and mushroom mixture, stirring well to combine. Set aside at room temperature for 30 minutes to allow the bread to absorb the liquid. Stir well and pour into a 2 1/2-to-3-quart gratin dish (13 x 9 x 2 inches). Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup Gruyere and bake for 45 to 50 minutes, until the top is browned and the custard is set. Serve hot.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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

CURRENT OPENINGS ...

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



WE ARE HIRING!

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.

Again, we appreciate your interest with the Town of Hudson.

FIREFIGHTER-EMT/AEMT/MEDIC

Fire Department

CROSSING GUARD

Police Department

MECHANIC POSITION

Public Works Department





November 2023 MEETING CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	6	7 Budget Cmte. 7:00pm	8 Planning Board 7:00pm	9
13 Cable Utility Cmte. 7:00pm Conservation Comm. 7:00pm	14 Board of Selectmen 7:00pm	15 Library Trustees 7:00pm Budget Cmte. 7:00pm HEAC 7:00pm	16 Benson Park Cmte. 7:00pm Zoning Board 7:00pm	17
20 Sustainability Cmte. 7:00pm	21 Municipal Utility 7:00pm	22	23 TOWN HALL CLOSED <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	24 TOWN HALL CLOSED <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 
27	28 Board of Selectmen 7:00pm	29 Budget Cmte. 7:00pm Planning Board 7:00pm	30	



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- Bob Guessferd**
- Marilyn McGrath**
- David Morin**
- Dillon Dumont**



EXEMPTIONS AND CREDITS

Property Tax Exemption and Credits are available to qualifying residents. To learn more, please review the requirements for application.



NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

Notary Public services are provided by each clerk at the Town Clerk's Office. Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am—4:30pm.



HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Watch the video exploring the progress made so far into week 27 of the new addition to the police department.



DPW MECHANIC POSITION

This position offers fulltime year round employment, 4 day work week, overtime, health and dental insurance, life insurance, earned time, New Hampshire retirement system, stand-by pay, bereavement leave and more in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.



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