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AS A NEW SCHOOL YEAR APPROACHES, WE **BEGIN TO THINK OF FALL AND FALL ACTIVITIES** INCLUDING FOOTBALL. LET'S LOOK AT HOW AND WHEN FOOTBALL STARTED AT ALVIRNE.

he first touchdown scored for Alvirne football was on March 4, 1994 at the School District meeting when 450 voters approved the beginning of football at Alvirne. The final score was 232 in favor and 210 opposed, a mere 22 vote margin. Yes, there had been prior attempts at a football program; one as early as 1967, and many in the 1980's. As I researched this story, I could see that 1994 was different; it was the first time the Alvirne school administration officially endorsed the idea even though the School Board and the Budget Committee did not.

Alvirne's enrollment in 1995 made it the seventh largest Class L high school in the state but ranking poorly when it came to competitive athletic programs. This was affecting the students, the school spirit, and even educational and scholarship opportunities for college.

Alvirne Athletic Director (AD), Clyde Meyerhoefer,

to the voters. The first year, \$63,250 budget, would include equipment for 60 players, coaching staff, transportation, and game officials. The second year, a \$42,000 budget, would expand the number of players to

80. The third-year budget would be \$32,000. The program started

Sunday March 5, 1994 - Football approve The Sunday Telegraph Volume 8 No. 49

Touchdown for Alvirne

Hudson voters kick around costs before narrowly approving new football program, along with overall school budget of \$20.7 million.

Telegraph March 5, 1994

at the junior varsity (JV) level and expanded to the varsity level. Support for football came mostly from town people who were active in Pop Warner football and who wanted their family members to continue to play the sport even into college.

Alvirne football began in the fall of 1995. The 1996 class yearbook proudly recorded the excitement and presented a well thought out three-year plan success of the first Alvirne football team coached by Howard Sobolov to a record of 3 wins and 4 losses. Alvirne football jersey #22 was retired as a tribute to the mystical 22 vote margin at the 1994 school meeting and successful plan spearheaded led by Clyde Meyerhoefer. That framed jersey hangs to this day in the office of Karen Bonney, Alvirne Athletic Director.

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Jersey #22—Mystical Vote Margin

Stadium lights were added to the field complex through the generosity of the Alvirne Trustees by September 1996; thus, enabling the first home game in Alvirne's history on Friday evening September 13,1996. It was a rainy cool night and the football fans stood alongside a fence overlooking the field or stood on the back of pick-ups to get the best vantage point. Bleachers and an announcement booth were added by September 1999.

Over the past 20+ years Alvirne football has had some successes while other years have been more challenging. At the end of the day, as AD Karren Bonner reflects, it is about providing students the opportunity to represent their school and their community.

So, we ask, when did earlier attempts to start a football program occur and why did it take so long to become reality?

The earliest I found was in 1967. There was no specific warrant to start a football program, a \$3,500 line item was included in the annual school budget for football at Alvirne. This led to much discussion, amendments to the article, and even amendments to the amendments! After lots of discussion and compromises between the School Board and the Budget Committee, the football program was removed from the budget (and expressly prohibited). These are the actual words used by the Telegraph reporter about the meeting. The budget was then approved without football.

During the next 10 to 15 years there was a lot of competition for money within the School District. The completion of Memorial School, the athletic field complex at Alvirne, the fire and rebuild of Alvirne, and the growing need for additional elementary classrooms. During this same time, the school budgets were often cut by the voters at the annual meetings.

As we entered the 1980's there was one attempt with an article in 1981, but it never came to a vote. Interest picked up again in 1985 with the introduction of two warrant articles requesting permission to start a football program and to raise \$50,000 for it. After much discussion, the voters agreed to form a committee to study the possibility and report back at the meeting in 1986. For the 1986 meeting there was a \$790,000 bond issue to expand the physical education facilities at Alvirne. Football startup was a part of this article. 300 people attended the School District meeting at Memorial School. In the end, this article was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 236 of 58. Another proposal was presented in 1987 which called for \$132,000. After about 30 minutes of debate this was defeated 298-70. That brings us up to the successful proposal spearheaded by Clyde Meyerhoefer in 1994.

That leaves the question "Why did it take so long?" As I reminisce with some Alvirne alumni, the question of football and why it took so long often came up. Many alumni, myself included, remembered hearing that football at Alvirne was forbidden because

FOOTBALL TEAM

Coach:	Howard Sobolov
Assistants:	Brian Smith
	Craig Mueller
	David Psaledais
Captains:	Adam Hughes
	Ken MacIntosh
	Mark Castellano
	Ryan Brassard
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Members of first team

Dr. Alfred Hills who donated the money to start the school had a son who was severely injured or killed playing the sport. Many had

heard it, but none could site the source. My research and the research of many before me have shown this rumor to be false; in fact, Dr. and Mrs. Hills did not have a son. So, let's look at some more realistic reasons for the delay.

Alvirne began as a small high school in a small town where the initial building was funded by the trust funds of Dr. Hill's family. The growth of school enrollment was aided by students from neighboring towns such as Litchfield, Pelham, and Windham. These neighboring towns paid tuition which helped with the expenses but the decisions for expansion were made by the Hudson voters.

As a small school in the 50's and 60's we concentrated our successes on basketball, track and field, soccer, and baseball. Until the mid-60's and later with the growth of Pop Warner in town football at the high school did not enter the picture.

There was always competition for school money. We saw this as we reviewed discussions from the various school district meetings. I think of the 1967 school meeting where press coverage of the meeting stated that football was removed from the budget and expressly forbidden. This fact could have fueled the rumor.

Clyde Meyerhoefer and his family came to Hudson in 1974 when he became a teacher/coach at Alvirne. He coached many sports including soccer, track, and baseball. In 1985 he became the Athletic Director, a position he held until 1999 when he moved to Belmont, MA. He served there for three years before he passed in 2002. His impact extends far beyond Alvirne. He was respected locally, at the state and national level for his work as an athletic director. During his career he was the recipient of many awards, including NH Athletic Director of the Year 3 times. The NH Athletic Director's Association continually recognizes his contributions in this state by presenting the Clyde Meyerhoefer Award each year to a NH athletic director with 3 years or less experience.

Karren Bonney, the present AD, joined the Alvirne staff in 1985 when Clyde became the AD. When Clyde moved to Belmont in 1999, she was promoted to AD. To Karen, Clyde has been a special colleague and mentor, even after he moved to Belmont.

If you would like to share your memories of Alvirne football with the author, send an email to HudsonHistorical@Live.COM.

The following sources were used to research this article: Hudson School District Annual Reports, Nashua Telegraph, Hudson Litchfield News, Alvirne Yearbooks, as well an inputs from a member of the Meyerhoefer family, and current Alvirne AD, Karen Bonner. Researched and written by Ruth Parker.



We Got Lights! Telegraph September 18, 1996

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HUDSON TOWN WIDE TRAFFIC STUDY



Prepared by the Nashua Regional Planning Commission 2022 - 2023

The Town of Hudson has requested that the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) conduct a study of long-term impacts of planned and potential future development on the town's arterial highway network and potential spillover onto local streets. This study involves analysis of both existing and future conditions and includes the following tasks: data collection, traffic modeling, capacity analysis, reporting and mapping, conclusions, and recommendations. The study will offer a report on the current (2022) road capacity (level of service) on existing conditions and forecast two reports for future conditions – one for 2030 and another for 2045.

The NRPC prepared a scope of services to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to conduct the study utilizing its Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) funding under the Special Projects category. The following work scope provides a small part of the format for this study.

Existing Conditions Analysis

• <u>Study Background</u> – Previous studies will be reviewed, including the Litchfield-Hudson Transportation Study conducted by Vollmer Associates in 2003. This study included a forecast of traffic and operational conditions in 2025. More recent studies that will be reviewed and findings incorporated into the town wide study include the Hudson Master Plan update of 2020 and the traffic analysis conducted for the Hudson Logistics Center.

The Hudson Boulevard project was not included in the scope of work for this study because the project was removed from the NRPC FY2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) during Amendment 3 to the NRPC FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which was adopted on December 15th, 2021.

- Automatic Traffic Recorder Counts Automatic traffic recorder counts will be conducted on weekdays at the 18 State and local road segments that are detailed in Table 1.
- Arterial Capacity Analysis Arterial volume-to-capacity ratios will be developed for study area arterials and several local roads.
- Intersection Turning Movement Counts (TMCs) Turning movement counts will be conducted during the morning (7-9 AM) and afternoon (4-6PM) peak periods at the 21 locations that are detailed in Table 1.
- Intersection Capacity Analysis Intersection analysis will be based on the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) methodology. NRPC utilizes the SYNCHRO software to perform this analysis.
- Existing Conditions Mapping Mapping of existing weekday counts, TMCs and congestion conditions.

Future Conditions Analysis

- Model Run for 2030 & 2045 Projected Growth Scenario A TransCAD assignment run for 2030 & 2045 based on NRPC's current regional land use growth projection will be conducted and post-processed to convert arterial segment volumes to forecasts (applying model error from calibration run).
- Develop Intersection 2030 & 2045 Volumes Arterial growth factors for 2020-2045 will be applied to each intersection approach to estimate 2030 & 2045 turning movement volumes for the baseline growth forecast.
- Capacity Analysis Procedures used for baseline capacity analysis will be repeated for the 2030 & 2045 forecast year for the baseline and full development scenarios.
- Future Conditions Mapping Mapping of weekday counts, TMCs and congestion conditions for the forecast year.
- Conclusions & Recommendations NRPC will meet with town officials to review results, formulate conclusions regarding the impacts of future baseline and development growth, and develop recommendations for traffic improvements as needed. The impacts of improvements on arterials and intersection operations will be evaluated.

Study Locations

This study was focused on the following roadway segments and intersections:

State Route Road Segments:

- 1. NH3A (Central St.) west of Library St.
- 2. NH3A (Central St.) east of Library St.
- 3. NH3A (Lowell Rd.) south of Central St.
- 4. NH3A (Lowell Rd.) south of Pelham Rd.
- 5. NH3A (Lowell Rd.) south of Wason Rd.
- 6. NH3A (Lowell Rd.) south of Rena Ave.
- 7. NH3A (River Rd.) at Massachusetts State Line
- 8. NH102 at Litchfield Town Line
- 9. NH102 north of Easy St.
- 10. NH102/3A north of Ledge Rd.
- 11. NH111 (Ferry St.) east of Library St.
- 12. NH111 (Burnham Rd.) north of Central St.
- 13. NH111 (Central St.) west of Kimball Hll Rd.

Local Street Segments:

- 14. Belknap Rd. south of Central St.
- 15. Bush Hill Rd. north of Wason Rd.
- 16. Dracut Rd. at Massachusetts State Line
- 17. Kimball Hll Rd. south of NH111
- 18. Wason Rd. east of NH3A

Intersections

- 1. NH111 Ferry Street/NH02 Derry St./ NH3A Chase St.
- 2 NH111 Ferry St./Library St.
- 3. NH3AS102 Derry St./Library St./ Hghland St.
- 4. NH111 Burnham Rd./Central St.
- 5. NH111 Central St./Kimball Hll Rd/ Greeley St.
- 6. NH102 Derry Rd./NH3A Elm St.
- 7. NH102/Page Rd.

- 8. NH3A Central St./Chase St.
- 9. NH3A Central St./Library St.
- 10. NH3A Lowell Rd./Central St.
- 11. NH3A Lowell Rd./Pelham Rd.
- 12. NH3A Lowell Rd./Executive Dr.
- 13. NH3A Lowell Rd./Hampshire Dr./Oblate Dr.
- 14. NH3A Lowell Rd/Ragstone Dr./Wason Rd.
- 15. NH3A Lowell Road/Sagamore Bridge (Circumferential Hghway)
- 16. NH3A Lowell Rd./Walmart Blvd.
- 17. NH3A Lowell Rd./Rena Ave.
- 18. NH3A Lowell Rd./Dracut Rd./Steele Rd.
- 19. Dracut Rd./Sherburne Rd.
- 20. Kimball Hll Rd./Bush Hll Rd.
- 21. Central St./Belknap Rd.
- 22. Lowell & Fox Hollow Dr.
- 23. Lowell & Birch St.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

NRPC Traffic Study for the Hudson Master Plan Transportation Chapter – June 2020

NRPC conducted an in-house traffic study in mid-2020 as part of the effort in updating the Hudson Master Plan Transportation Chapter. The study consists of a Level of Service (LOS) analysis on road segments, comparing observed traffic volumes with the projected traffic volumes in 2045. Furthermore, the analysis also includes an alternative 2045 scenario in which Hudson Boulevard was constructed.

The then-current traffic volumes (in Average Weekday Traffic Trips, or AWDT) collected between 2017 and 2019 are consistently higher than the traffic volumes observed presently (2022), as reflected in the AWDT comparison in Table 3, which can likely be attributed to the Covid pandemic (more discussion in Section 6). Consequently, the LOS in the 2020 study is generally worse (often by a letter grade) than the LOS identified in the present study. Furthermore, the traffic volumes for the two 2045 scenarios, and the corresponding LOS, are also based on projections from pre-pandemic traffic volumes.

Despite the differences in AWDT and LOS the congested segments identified in the 2020 study are consistent with those identified in the present study, which are discussed in Section 8.

Hudson Boulevard

The Hudson Boulevard has evolved as a scaled-down southern segment of what was formerly known as the Circumferential Highway. In contrast to the limited-access, high-speed expressway once envisioned, the boulevard is now seen as an approximate 40 mph, controlled access roadway along the southern Circumferential Highway right-of-way between NH 3A and NH111 with at-grade intersections, and a parallel, separated non-motorized multi-use path. The estimated project cost is \$54 million.

The Draft Hudson Master Plan Transportation Chapter includes a discussion about the Hudson Boulevard project. The roadway is projected to carry between 20,000-23,000 vehicles per day over most of its length in the year 2045. A 10% decrease in Taylor Falls Bridge traffic is forecasted, along with a 13% increase in Sagamore Bridge volume, due to a faster travel path to the turnpike and south Nashua via this route. Significant decreases in traffic on NH 3A and NH 111 are projected as the Boulevard diverts traffic away from the town center area. Wason Road and Bush Hill Road, which now provide a local road path near the right-of-way originally reserved for the southern segment of the Circumferential Highway, would experience significant traffic relief from constructing the Boulevard.

The Hudson Boulevard project was not included in the scope of work for this study as explained earlier in this document. It was therefore not included in the future highway network scenarios that were developed for this study. As a result, the impacts this project would have on the road network have not been factored into the results of this study.

The Hudson Boulevard project has since been added back into the NHDOT FY 2023-2032 Ten-Year Plan and the NRPC FY2023-2026 TIP as a *feasibility study only.*

See below for the full report.

There's more ...

- Read the analysis of NRPC's <u>Hudson Townwide Traffic Study</u> of long-term impacts of planned and potential developments in Hudson.
- Read the summary of NRPC's <u>Hudson Townwide Traffic Study</u> presented at the July 12th Planning Board meeting.

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Fun filled event for the entire family! Carnival, food, games, exhibitions, & SO MUCH MORE!

<u>When</u>: August 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th

Thursday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday Noon to 11 p.m. Sunday Noon to 5 p.m.

Where: Hills House Grounds 211 Derry Rd., Rte. 102, Hudson — Across from Alvirne High School

<u>What</u>:

Carnival Rides • Live Free Entertainment • Free Kid Games • Free Petting Zoo • Vendors • Food Trucks & Beer Tent and more!

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REC CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1.0.2	10am Roller Skating \$10	1 10:15am 2	9:15am	10:30am B-Ball 3 v 3
August	1pm – Coloring	Wear a white shirt	Altitude Trampoline!	10:30am
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		12pm-Lunch TBA	COLLEGT	DECADES DAV
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10:30am FIELD GAMES	10:30am	10:30am Sand Bracelet Making	6yrs-11yrs	1pm KARAOKE
1pm Air Hockey Comp!			3pm RED SOX 11+ \$45	SPORTS
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The Recreation Depart





If you are a dog owner and have yet to pay your dog's license, this is your very last chance before you are issued a summons.

As of now, you are required to pay a fine of \$25 (NH RSA 466:13) for any unlicensed dog(s) per NH RSA 466:1, in addition to the licensing, late and certified mail **fees.**

THESE FEES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 10, 2023 AT THE HUDSON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.

Any person who fails to pay the fine and associated fees within the allotted time, will be issued a summons to appear in the 9th Circuit District Division Court in Nashua.

CALL US IMMEDIATELY at (603) 886-6003 if your dog has died or no longer lives with you. If we do not hear otherwise, you will be liable for the \$25.00 fine. The Town Clerk's Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

** Rabies must be current in order to register. Please bring in your rabies paperwork from the vet if your notice shows them as expired.







Hudson Police Department and Rodgers Memorial Library are joining forces in hosting a **COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY**. This is a party you do not want to miss!

Community members are invited to come and enjoy "Touch a Truck", a Dunk Tank, Rock Wall Climbing, K9 Demonstration, and water balloon fights with Hudson Police Officers vs kids. These are just a few to name.

There will be plenty of **FREE ACTIVITIES** and community safety vendor booths for every age to enjoy! Food Vendors will be present however they are at your cost.

AUGUST 1st, 2023 ~ 4:30-7:30pm

At the location of Rogers Memorial Library ~ 194 Derry Rd.







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George H. & Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library

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A RECIPE FROM TOWN HALL German Potato Salad

- 6 med. potatoes
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 6 slices bacon
- 1/3 cup bacon fat
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tbsp. flour

Brian Groth - Town Planner

- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. celery seed
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- Dash of pepper

- Boil potatoes in skins until skins are tender. Peel and slice thinly in bowl, set aside.
- Fry bacon until crisp, remove to drain on paper towel.
- In same skillet with bacon grease, cook onions until yellow.
- Add flour, sugar, salt, celery seed and a dash of pepper.
- Gradually stir in water and vinegar cooking until mixture comes to a boil.
- Boil for 1 minute.
- Pour mixture over potatoes and add broken bacon bits.
- This is better the longer it sits!



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	2	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.

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



August 2023 Meeting Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Click on any meeting to view the agenda for the specified date.	1 Board of Selectmen Workshop 7:00pm	2 <u>Hwy. Safety Cmte.</u> 8:30am <u>Budget Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	3	4
7	8 <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	9 <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	10	11
14 <u>Conservation Comm.</u> 7:00pm <u>CANCELLED</u> <u>Cable Utility Cmte.</u>	15 <u>Municipal Utility</u> <u>Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	16 Library Trustees 6:00pm <u>HEAC</u> 7:00pm	17 <u>Benson Park Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	18
21 <u>Sustainability Cmte.</u> 7:00pm	22 <u>Board of Selectmen</u> 7:00pm	23 <u>Planning Board</u> 7:00pm	24 Zoning Board 7:00pm	25
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- ◊ Vital Records

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NEWS & Announcements







BLASTING NOTICE

Blasting will resume on Trigate Road throughout August.

CYANOBACTERIA ADVISORIES FOR ROBINSON POND

Stay on top of alerts for cyanobacteria advisories for Robinson Pond and others as they occur. Check here frequently for current conditions and any updates.

POLICE HAPPENINGS

Check out the Police Departments Facebook page for immediate notification of road closures, investigation assistances, community events and more. There's a lot going on!

IN THE BIN!

"Can I Recycle This?" is a very common question asked. Know when it's a NO! If you're unsure, don't risk contaminating the lad and place the item in the trash.

Let's reduce the huge piles of garbage and recycle our reusable materials.



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