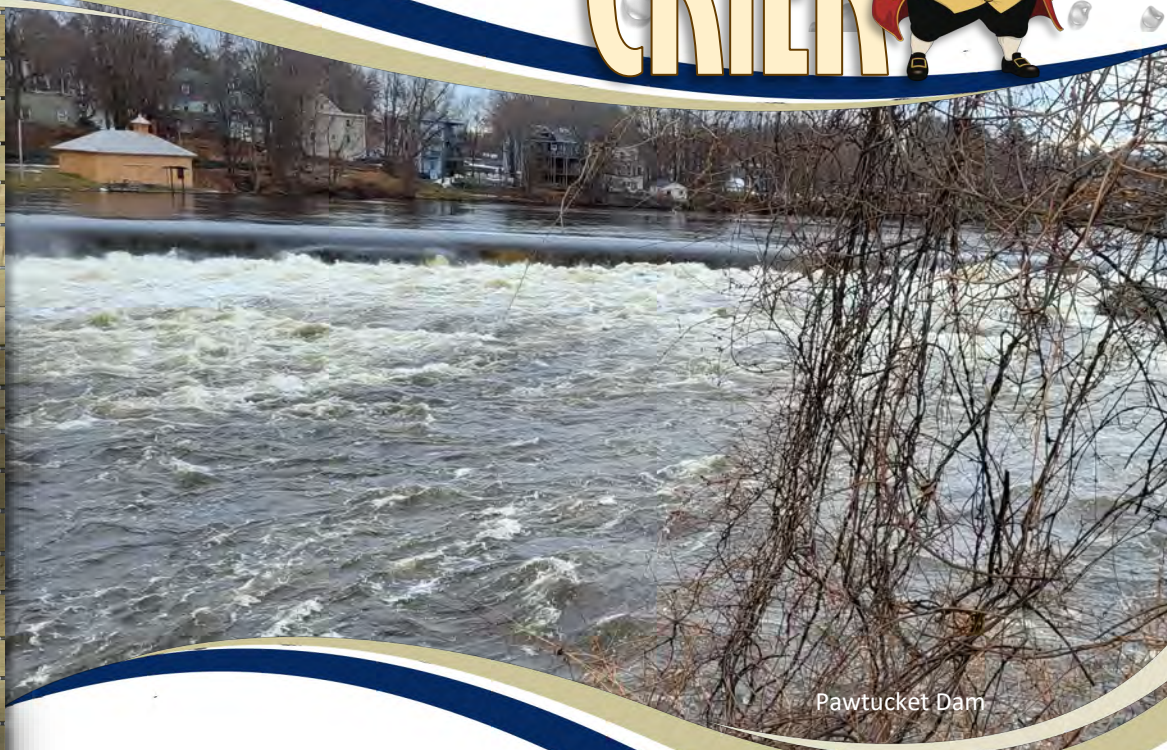




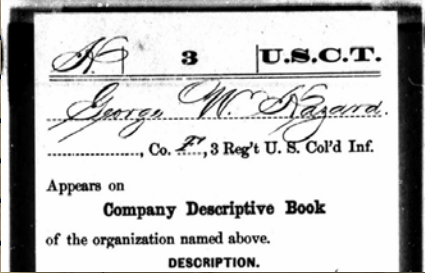
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Pawtucket Dam

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2024 TOWN WARRANT

Town of Hudson Fiscal Year 2025 Warrant

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The Natural Descent of the Merrimack River

Hudson's western boundary is marked by a delightful section of the Merrimack River stretching from Litchfield on the north, some 6.5 miles south, to the state line. River crossings to Nashua occur at the Sagamore Bridge at the south near Walmart and at the Taylor's Falls Bridge and Veterans Memorial Bridge near the Nashua River. There has been a Taylor's Falls Bridge in this area since 1811. Initially a wooden toll bridge, then an iron bridge, a concrete bridge, and now the southern bridge of the twin span which dates to the 1970's. So, the question is: Where were Taylor's Falls and what became of them?

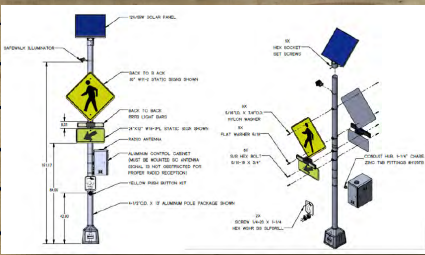
The Pawtucket Falls in the Merrimack River at Lowell, MA was an important fishing ground for the Pennacook tribes during the pre-colonial times. "Pawtucket" is an Algonkian word meaning "at the falls in the river".

OPEN ELECTED POSITIONS

2024 Notice of Open Elected Positions

Anyone interested in declaring candidacy for open positions should file with the Town Clerk, from now until February 2nd during regular business hours.

SOLAR-LIT CROSSWALKS



These falls were a barrier to commercial travel along the river for the early settlers, leading to the construction of the canal in the late 1700's. To maximize the hydropower and control the flow to the canal, a dam was built at the top of the falls in 1820 and expanded in 1840. The final structure exists in much the same form today, consisting of a stone dam topped with five-foot wooden flashboards. This dam had the effect of raising the level of the river some 8 feet near the dam to 4 feet as far north as Cromwell Falls in Merrimack, eliminating any falls or rapids in the river from Lowell to Litchfield/Merrimack.

Beside the Pawtucket Falls there were three sets of rapids or waterfalls of significance to the early settlers; The Wicasuck Falls in Tyngsboro, the Taylor's Falls in Hudson, and Cromwell's Falls in Merrimack. The building of the Pawtucket Dam displaced each of these falls.

The Wicasuck Falls were about 4 miles north of Pawtucket where the river swept around a considerable island of the same name. This offered good fishing for the Indians and the early settlers. The island played a significant part during King Philip's War when Captain Jonathan Tyng "overlooked" a party of praying Indians that lived on this island for some 10 years thus keeping them out of the strife. In consideration of this the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony granted this island to him in December 1693, and it became known as Tyng's Inland. The falls are just south of this island which is now home to The Vesper Country Club off Pawtucket Blvd in Tyngsboro, MA.

A series of rapids known as Taylor's Falls were located some 8 miles north of Tyng's Island and one mile south of the junction of the Nashua and the Merrimack Rivers which is located north of the Taylor's Falls Bridge; placing them over 1/2 mile below the bridge. John Taylor built a garrison on a part of the Joseph Hills grant that was deeded to Gershom Hills and later the Charles W. Spalding farm. This garrison was built behind the house toward the river. The Spalding farmhouse was recently the site of



Wicasuck Inland



Continental Academie on Derry Road near the intersection with Grand Ave. Little is known of this John Taylor except that the Taylor's falls were most likely named for him and clearly the Taylor's Falls Bridge was named for the falls.

Joseph Cromwell was an early fur trader in Old Dunstable on the Merrimack side of the river. The site of his trading post is identified by a marker between the Anheuser-Bush brewery and the Clydesdale Hamlet in Merrimack. Cromwell Falls was visited by Henry David Thoreau and his brother John in September 1839 and this visit was chronicled in his book "A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers". In this book he stated that the Cromwell Falls were the first falls they met while traveling on the Merrimack; thus, indicating that the river level had been raised somewhat by that date.

Today the smooth surface of the Merrimack gives no indication of the underlying rapids and falls which were eliminated between Pawtuck and Cromwell Falls. Most of the information in this brief article is from Webster's History of Hudson. The photo of the Taylor's Falls bridge in moonlight is from a post card within the collection of the Hudson Historical Society. ♦

Researched and written by Ruth Parker.



Taylor Fall's Iron Bridge

Private GEORGE W HAZZARD

At the north end of Row 38, in Section A of the old section of Hills Farms Cemetery, stands the headstone of Private George W Hazzard. Private Hazzard (sometimes spelled Hazard) is the only known African-American Veteran of the Civil War buried in Hudson.

Private Hazzard was assigned to Company F, 3rd Regiment, United States Colored Infantry, which was a Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers.

He was a Private, who enlisted on September 5, 1864 in Concord, NH and was discharged on October 18, 1865, at the expiration of his term of service. His birth year is shown as about 1824, in Norwich, VT, so he would have been about 40 years old when he enlisted. As per his Death Certificate, he died on July 8, 1891 in the Town of Hudson, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, at the age of 66.

Death Certificate, George W Hazzard

His father is identified as Oliver Hazzard and his mother is identified as Chloe Colby. Private Hazzard's occupation at his death was listed as a farmer.

The African American Civil War Memorial identifies his Plaque Number:

A-9, and Film Number M589 roll 39.

Private George W Hazzard, Company F, 3rd US Colored Infantry.

Born September 4, 1824; Died July 8, 1891.

Ruth Parker of the Hudson Historical Society conducted some research on the house at 13 Derry Lane. This house belonged to George Hazzard (Hazard). Ruth did a deed trace back through the years from her computer as far as she could go. The earliest deed was Book 517 Page 497 dated 1 Jul 1891 and the property was transferred to Mary Hazard from James Ryan. There was a note that the property had been transferred to James Ryan by George Hazard with the intention that it be transferred to Mary Hazard. This was 7 days before George's death.

Thank you to Ruth Parker of the Hudson Historical Society for her assistance in researching Private George Hazzard.

John V Madden
US Army (Retired)
Past Chaplain, Hudson Memorial VFW Post 5791
Co-Location Coordinator,
Wreaths Across America-Hudson, NH Cemeteries

Note: For the past three years, an invited representative of the Black History Trail of NH has placed a wreath on Private Hazzard's grave on National Wreath Day in December.



George W. Hazzard 3 U.S.C.T.
Co. F, 3 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on
Company Descriptive Book
of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.
Age 39 years; height 5 feet 7 1/4 inches.
Complexion *Molatto*
Eyes *Blue*; hair *Black*
Where born *Norwich, Vermont*
Occupation *Farmer*

ENLISTMENT.
When *September 5th*, 1864.
Where *Concord, N. H.*
By whom *Capt. Baban*; term *One yr.*

Remarks: *Manuscript in file
Capt. Baban Sept. 5, 1864
he file Concord
Paym't paid: \$32.50
Buried Dec. 66, 91.*

(1884) *[Signature]* Copyist.

Name *George W. Hazzard*
Place of Birth *Hudson, N.H.*
Date of Death *July 8th*, 1891
Age: Years, *66* Months, *10* Days, *4*
Place of Birth *Norwich, VT*
Sex *M* Color *B* Married, Single, *Married*
Widowed, or Divorced.
Occupation *Farmer*
Cause of Death *Blood Poisoning*

Place of Burial *Hudson, N.H.*
Name of Father *Oliver Hazzard*
Maiden Name of Mother *Chloe Colby*
Birthplace of Father *Concord, Mass*
Birthplace of Mother *Concord, Mass*
Occupation of Father *Farmer*

Name and Address of Physician (or other person) reporting said Death
Mary Hazzard
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.
I hereby certify that the above death records is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
John J. Paris
Clerk of Hudson, N.H.

Important Dates for the Town/School Deliberative Sessions, Candidates Night & Town Election

Town Deliberative Session

Saturday, February 3, 2024 — 9:00 a.m.

Community Center — 12 Lions Ave.

* Alternate Date: Monday, February 5, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

Community Center — 12 Lions Ave.

School Deliberative Session

Saturday, February 10, 2024 — 9:00 a.m.

Community Center—12 Lions Ave.

* Alternate Date: Monday, February 12, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

Community Center — 12 Lions Ave.

Candidates Night

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 — 6:30 p.m.

Community Center — 12 Lions Ave.

Voting Day—Town Election

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 — 7:00 a.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Vote at Your Designated Ward:

Ward 1: Community Center — 12 Lions Ave.

Ward 2: Alvirne High School — 200 Derry Rd.



Town of Hudson

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Location: Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ward One Location: Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, Hudson

Ward Two Location: Alvirne High School Cafeteria, 200 Derry Street, Hudson

Article 02 General Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$35,527,448? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$35,044,662 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-2

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.232

Estimated tax rate is \$4.942

Article 03 Sewer Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,426,706? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$2,375,172 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 04 Water Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,371,665? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,334,213 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 05 Hudson Public Works Union Contract

Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Public Works Department Union Teamsters Local 633 for Wage & Benefit Increases. Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Public Works Department Union Teamsters Local 633 which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$90,267
7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$99,373
7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$105,142
7/1/27 – 6/30/28	\$105,286
7/1/28 – 6/30/29	\$108,250

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,267 for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.018

Article 06 Firefighters IAFF Union Contract

Ratification of a Contract negotiated between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Hudson I.A.F.F. Local 3154 for Wage & Benefit Increases. Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Hudson I.A.F.F. Local 3154 which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/1/24 – 6/30/25	\$230,106
7/1/25 – 6/30/26	\$231,353
7/1/26 – 6/30/27	\$275,130

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$230,106 for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.46

Article 07 Funding for (1) Fire Captain Training Officer

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$164,891 which represents the cost of wages and benefits, to hire one (1) full-time Fire Captain Training Officer?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 6-3
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.033

Article 08 Town Wide Paving

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to increase the Public Works Department’s paving budget by an additional One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for this purpose? This increase in the Public Works Department’s paving budget will be included in the operating budget and default budget in subsequent years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.020

Article 09 Melendy Road Bridge Rehabilitation

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the construction of Melendy Road Bridge Rehabilitation? This project will be funded from unassigned general fund balance. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction of Melendy Road Bridge Rehabilitation is completed or by June 30, 2030, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 10 Circumferential Highway Feasibility Study - Lowell Road

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,375 for a feasibility study and preliminary engineering design for the Circumferential Highway Lowell Road to Route 111 segment? This project will be funded \$800,300 (80%) from a NHDOT Federal grant and \$200,075 to be raised from general taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the feasibility study and preliminary engineering design is completed or by June 30, 2030, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-6

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.040

Article 11 Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,000 to be added to the Police Safety Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established March 9, 2021 with said sum to come from the unassigned General Fund balance?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 12 Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in March 2008?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.005

Article 13 VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the VacCon Truck Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 2006? \$15,000 of this sum will come from the Sewer Utility Fund and the remaining \$15,000 will come from General taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.003

Article 14 Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 which will be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 14, 2000?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.010

Article 15 Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 which will be added to the Fire Apparatus Refurbishment/Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 11, 2008?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.020

Article 16 Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 which will be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 18, 2011?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.005

Article 17 Generator Replacement/Repair Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 which will be added to the Generator Replacement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established March 8, 2022? \$10,000 will come from the Sewer Fund, \$10,000 will come from the Water Fund and \$10,000 will come from General taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.002

Article 18 Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 which will be added to the Benson Park Renovation Capital Reserve Fund previously established in March 1998?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.002

Article 19 Establish a Drainage Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Drainage Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of designing, repairing or replacing drainage and drainage infrastructure projects, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.020

Article 20 Discontinue Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to discontinue the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established August 19, 1994 and transfer the remaining funds into the General Fund?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 21 Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Elderly

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Hudson , based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$132,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years,\$156,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$233,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$60,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$160,000 excluding the value of the person’s residence. If approved this article shall take effect for the final property tax bill of the 2024 property year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 22 Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Disabled

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be \$132,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by a spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$50,000, or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$60,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$160,000, excluding the value of the residence. If approved, this article shall take effect for the final property tax bill of the 2024 property tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 23 Revised Property Tax Exemption for the Blind

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow an inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the blind services program, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for the property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of \$132,000? If approved this article shall take effect for the final property tax bill of the 2024 property tax year.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 24 Establish Fire Alarm/Master Box Revolving Fund

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Revolving Fund pursuant to NH RSA 31:95-h (b) for the purpose of providing monitoring and maintenance of the Municipal Fire Alarm / Master Box System? 100% of revenues received from related residential and commercial permit fees shall be deposited into the fund, and the money shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town’s general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, and no further approval of the Town Meeting shall be required to expend from the fund. These funds may be expended only for purposes of Fire Alarm/Master Box maintenance, supplies, training and education, renovation, salaries or associated operating and administrative purposes. The Fire Alarm/Master Box revolving fund shall go into effect on July 1, 2024.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-1

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 25 Ratification of Lease Agreement South Water Tank

Shall the Town of Hudson vote, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, to ratify a Lease Agreement between the Board of Selectmen and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon”) according to which Verizon will be leasing a portion of the South Water Tank property located at 12 Groves Farm Road (Tax Map 235-012-001) for communications equipment. The initial term of the lease shall be five (5) years, and may be extended for four (4) additional five (5) year terms (total 25 years). Rental payments during the first year of the lease shall be \$28,800.00, and thereafter increase by 2% annually. Copies of the full text of the Lease Agreement are available at the Town Clerk’s office.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 26 Ratification of Lease Agreement West Road Landfill

Shall the Town of Hudson vote, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, to ratify a Lease Agreement between the Board of Selectmen and Kearsarge Energy, LLC (“Kearsarge”) according to which Kearsarge will be leasing a portion of the West Road Landfill property located at 26 West Road (Tax Map 100-002-000) for a solar generation facility. The initial term of the lease shall be twenty-five (25) years, and may be extended for three (3) additional five (5) year terms (total 40 years). Rental payments received during the first year of the lease shall be \$48,440, and thereafter increase by 2.25% annually. Copies of the full text of the Lease Agreement are available at the Town Clerk’s office.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 27 Study Needs for New Town Hall (by Petition)

The Town of Hudson will conduct a study to determine the space needs for a new town hall. The study will include a look at renovating the existing town hall versus building a new one elsewhere in town whether it be on land already owned by Hudson or land it would need to acquire. This study will include the costs of renovation versus buying land and building a new facility. A similar study was called for and not started in the 2020 Capital Improvements Plan.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 28 Required Public Input (by Petition)

Should the town require any public board, committee, or general public meeting, to include time for public input regarding anything that board or committee has control over at the start of each meeting? This will offer consistent and reliable opportunities for citizens to express their thoughts, insights, concerns, thanks, and ideas, which will foster understanding and transparency.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 29 Comprehensive Infrastructure Study (by Petition)

Should the Town of Hudson complete a comprehensive infrastructure study independently run by a qualified third-part contractor unrelated to the Town of Hudson or the Nashua Regional Planning Commission? This study will include the following:

1. Comprehensive traffic study and impact for the entire town to include all developments being built and approved to be built.
2. Emergency services review of staffing, equipment, and training needed based on the facilities and anticipated demand from all the development. This includes, Police, Fire, and DPW.
3. Impact on our schools based on the high-density housing and the housing development under construction.
4. Sewer and water needs for the town.
5. Review the current impact fees assigned to developers based on this study.
6. The study results are expected to be used to upgrade and improve the Master Plan, Zoning ordinance, Land Use regulations, and to determine the impact to budgets/taxpayers and equipment/facilities/staffing needed to function.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 30 Change Election Day Date (by Petition)

Shall the Town of Hudson and the School District change the date of the elections from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April in accordance with RSA 40:14, which would also change the date of the deliberative sessions to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive? This warrant will only take effect if it passes on the both the town and school districts ballots.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1-1

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 31 West Road Landfill Remote Control Airplane Club (by Petition)

Shall the Town of Hudson allow Southern New Hampshire Radio Control Club continued use of the West Road Landfill Wagner Field, a Federal Aviation Administration Recognized Identification Area. Per the agreement with the Board of Selectmen in July of 1999, the Town of Hudson will grant continued use of the West Road Landfill capped areas to the Southern New Hampshire Radio Control Club 501C non-profit organization, a fully insured and chartered member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. This club fosters community efforts related to the building and flying of model aircraft, STEM education, and enablement of skill creation related to employment in the aerospace industry, many past members have subsequently established careers in aviation and aerospace. The club is in need of continued access to a suitable site for flying activities; the current site is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration and has been granted special permissions allowing for high altitude flights. For the past 24 years the club has donated time, expertise, and money to the Town of Hudson NH and wishes to remain a vibrant part of the community.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2

Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 32 Adopt Town Manager Form of Government (by Petition)

Do you favor the adoption of the Town Manager plan as provided in Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated? For Hudson, the current Town Administrator would assume this role until his retirement or termination of employment. A Town Manager has powers and duties afforded to it by state law whereas a Town Administrator does not.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1
Tax Rate Impact is \$0.000

Article 33 Amend Wetland Conservation District Boundaries

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IX, Wetland Conservation District, by amending 334-35.A.3, Boundaries, to increase the wetland buffer around wetlands and surface waters from fifty (50) feet to seventy-five (75) for nonresidential uses?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 34 Amend General Regulations - Parking Prohibited

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Hudson Zoning Ordinances as follows: Amend Town Code, Chapter 218, Flood Damage Prevention, to address changes that were identified during a review by the NH Office of Planning and Development related to Floodplain Development in reference to the National Flood Insurance Program?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 35 Amend 334-6 Contractors Yard Definition

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article II, Terminology, by amending 334-6, Definitions, to add a definition for Contractor's Yard to read as follows: Contractor's Yard - A lot or portion of a lot used for outdoor storage of construction materials or construction equipment customarily required in the building trade by a construction contractor?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 36 Amend Table of Permitted Uses - Religious Purposes

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, Table of Permitted Uses, C.1, to permit the "Use of land or structures used primarily for religious purposes" in all Zoning Districts? The purpose of this amendment is to match the state RSA674:76, relative to Religious Use of Land and Structures.

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 37 Amend Table of Permitted Uses - Farm Stands

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, Table of Permitted Uses, D.1, to permit "Seasonal farm stands for retail sale of produce or Christmas trees" in the Industrial (I) District?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 38 Amend Table of Permitted Uses - Auto Fuel Stations

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, table of Permitted Uses, D.11 and D.12, to prohibit "Automotive fuel station" and "Automotive fuel station with general retail" in the General (G) and General-1 (G-1) Zoning Districts?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 39 Amend Table of Permitted Uses - Car Wash

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21 Table of Permitted Uses, D.13, to prohibit "Car wash" in the General (G) and General-1 (G-1) Zoning Districts?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 40 Amend Table of Permitted Uses Mobile Food Services

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, Table of Permitted Uses, D.25, to permit "Mobile parked food service" in the Business (B) Zoning District?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 41 Amend Table of Permitted Uses - Outdoor Recreation

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, Table of Permitted Uses, D.21, to permit "Outdoor commercial recreation" in the Business (B) Zoning district by right rather than by Special Exception?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 42 Amend Table of Permitted Uses - Itinerant Vendors

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, Table of Permitted Uses, D.26, to permit "Itinerant roadside vending" in the Business (B) Zoning District?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 43 Amend Table of Permitted Uses Remove References

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article V, Permitted Uses, by amending 334-21, Table of Permitted Uses, D.31 and D.32, to eliminated references to "Tattoo parlor" and "Body art/piercing" because they are redundant categories, already covered under D.3, "Personal service establishment, per definition provided in 334-6"?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 44 Rezone Parcels from General to Residential

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson as follows:

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning certain areas developed for residential purposes from General (G) to Residential-2 (R-2) (See maps for parcels affected?)

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 45 Rezone 48-50 Friars Drive to Industrial (I)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from General (G) to Industrial (I) the following parcel of land known as 48—50 Friar's Drive, with the following identification number on the Town Assessor's Map: 209-001-000?

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2

Article 46 Rezone West Road Parcels to Industrial (I)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from Business (B) to Industrial (I) the following parcels of land, which are located along the east border of West Road, with the following identification numbers on the Town Assessor's Maps: 105-002-000, 101-006-000, 101-004-000 and 101-005-000?

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2

Article 47 Rezone Parcels on Lowell Road

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson as follows: Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Hudson by re-zoning from General (G) to Business (B) the following parcels of land, which are located on Lowell Road, with the following identification numbers on the Town Assessor's Maps: 204-006-000, 210-008-000, 210-006-000 and 209-001-002?

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2

Article 48 Amend Town Code Chapter 218 Flood Damage Prevention

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 16 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Code as follows: Amend the Town Code, Chapter 218, Flood Damage Prevention, to address changes that were identified during a review by the NH Office of Planning and Development related to Floodplain Development in reference to the National Flood Insurance Program?

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 49 Petition to Amend Town Code 334-38

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 17 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Town Code section 334-38 - All areas overlying Stratified Drift Aquifers identified in Hudson Master Plan Chapter III - Natural Resources, Groundwater Resources Section, Map III-8 Aquifers locations of Moderate to High Yield are prohibited from development or operation of a snow dump or gasoline station.

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 50 Petition to Amend Town Code 334-15.1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 18 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Article III, General Regulations, by amending section 334-15.1, to adopt the requirement that lots with stores selling gasoline at retail be located at least 3,000 feet from another lot with a store selling gasoline at retail.

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

Article 51 Petition One Year Temporary Building Moratorium

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 19 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Should the Town of Hudson place a one-year temporary moratorium beginning the day of the March 2024 election, as allowed per RSA Section 674:23, on issuing new building permits and approving subdivisions or site plans in Zones B, I, G, and G-1? This article aims to manage rapid development challenges, ensuring better traffic, utility, and public safety management. The moratorium, however, would not affect ongoing residential projects or expansion or remodeling of existing residences or businesses. This article will give the town time to update its Master Plan and zoning regulations for better future growth management, without impacting current homeowners in these zones. The suspension could end earlier if the updates are completed before the year ends.

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0

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

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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



2024

Notice of Open Elected Positions

Anyone interested in declaring candidacy for open positions shall file with the Town Clerk, until Friday, February 2nd, during regular business hours:

Monday – Friday, 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.

Interested candidates must be registered voters in Hudson.

On February 2nd, the last day of the filing period, the Town Clerk's office will be open until 5:00p.m., per RSA 652:20.

Open Town Positions:

Board of Selectmen, (2) 3-Year Term

Budget Committee, (3) 3-Year Term

Cemetery Trustee, (1) 3-Year Term

Code of Ethics, (1) 3-Year Term

Library Trustee, (1) 3-Year Term; (1) 1-Year Term

Town Moderator, (1) 3-Year Term

Planning Board, (2) 3-Year Term; (1) 1-Year Term

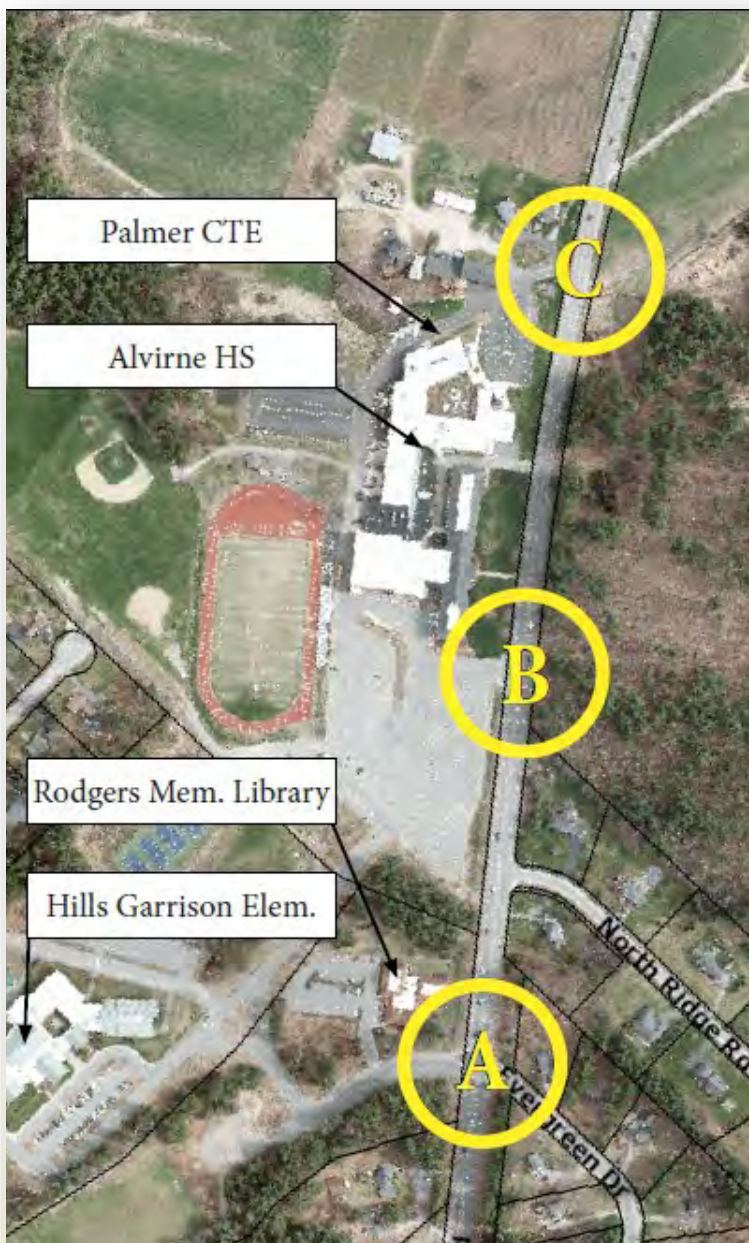
Supervisor of the Checklist, (1) 6-Year Term

Trustees of the Trust Fund, (1) 3-Year Term

RRFB Pedestrian Lights Coming to Hudson



Building Solar Crosswalks for a Safe, Walkable Community



A marked crosswalk or pedestrian warning sign can improve safety for pedestrians crossing the road, but at times may not be sufficient for drivers to visibly locate crossing locations and yield to pedestrians. To enhance pedestrian conspicuity and increase driver awareness at uncontrolled, marked crosswalks, transportation agencies are installing Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) are rectangular shaped, high-intensity signal heads which flash in a wig-wag, rapid flickering pattern. These alternating signals provide a direct, ultra-bright concentration as well as wide-angle intensity. The pattern and intensity are the same found in emergency response vehicles, providing optimal brightness and visibility for this style of traffic beacon.

Safety Benefits:

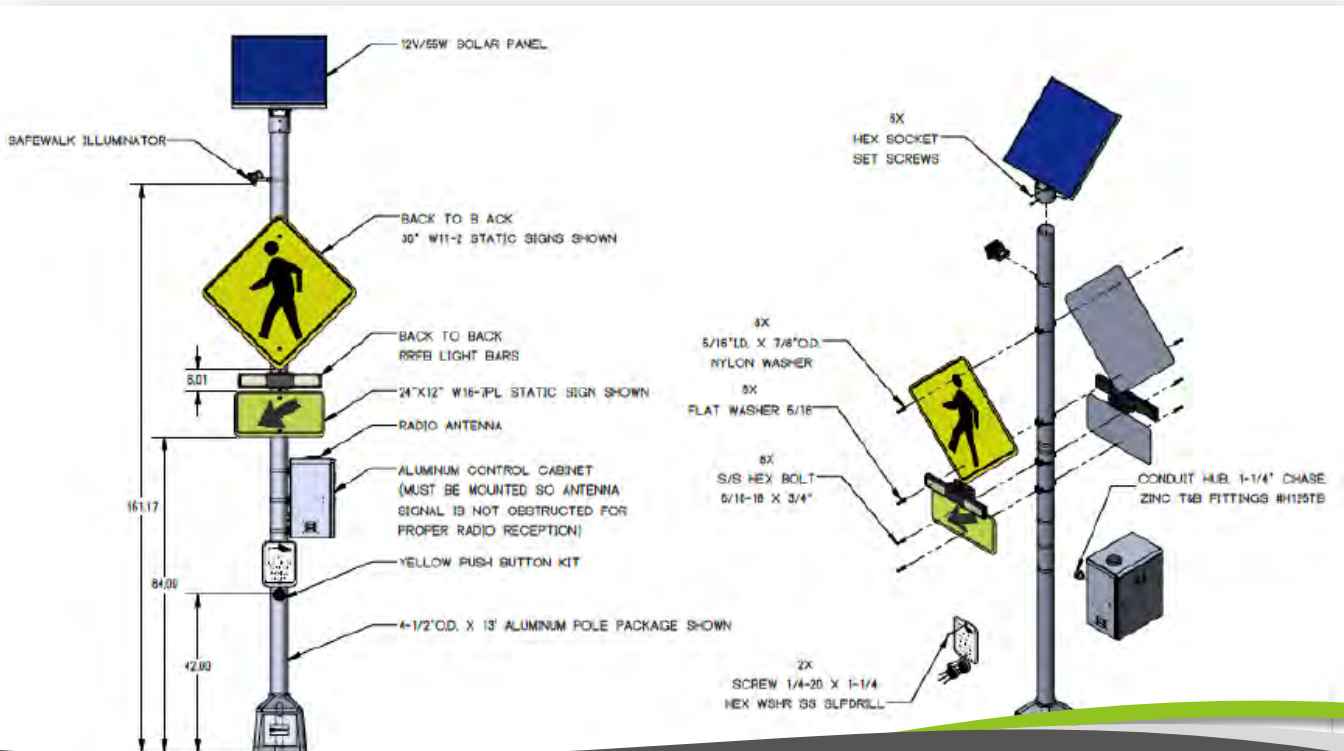
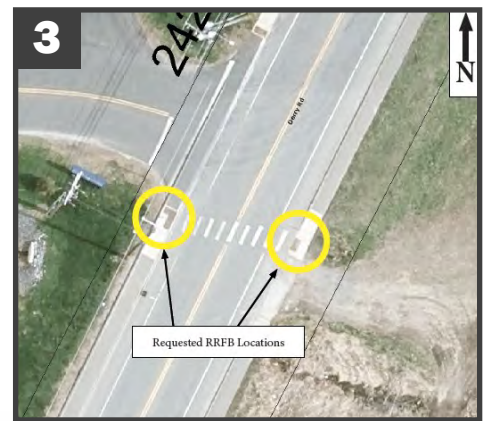
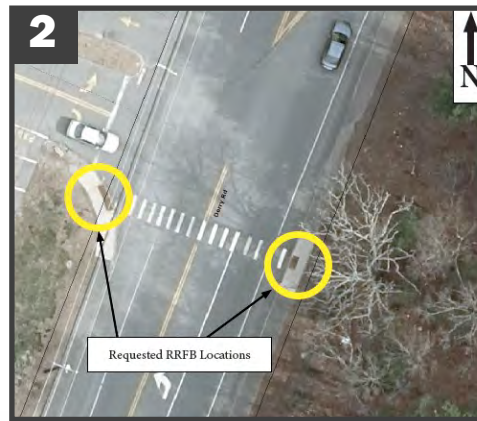
- RRFBs can reduce crashes up to 47% (for pedestrian crashes)
- RRFBs can increase motorist yielding rates up to 98% (varies by speed limit, number of lanes, crossing distance, and time of day)

The main benefit of this system is an increase in motorist compliance when it comes to yielding to pedestrians at crosswalks and other crossings. When compared to standard round beacons, which yield about a 15%-20% rate of effectiveness, RRFB have shown a bump to approximately 80% or more when combined with appropriate installation and signage. These beacons are pedestrian activated, making use of push button and passive detection technology to increase safety.

The Town of Hudson is looking to install three sets of RRFBs at existing crosswalks along Rte. 102 and adjacent to Alvirne High School. Here are the specified locations:

1. Crossing to Hills Garrison Elementary and Rodgers Memorial Library (picture #1)
2. Crossing to Alvirne High School (picture #2)
3. Crossing to Palmer CTE (picture #3)

The project is currently out to bid and will be completed before the beginning of the next school year.



Chocolate Olive Oil Cake — Yum!

For the Cake

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup Dutch-process cocoa powder
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 1½ tsp espresso powder
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 cup dark brown sugar
- ⅔ cup chopped semisweet chocolate

For the Glaze

- 1/2 cup chopped semisweet chocolate
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 1 tbsp Dutch-process cocoa powder
 - Pinch of flaky salt
1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Microwave in 15-second increments, stirring in between, until smooth.
 2. Pour the glaze evenly over the (completely) cooled cake.

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom and two longer sides of a 9" x 5" loaf pan with a piece of parchment paper. Take out the butter and grease the parchment paper and exposed pan sides.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, espresso powder, and salt.
3. In a large heatproof bowl, whisk the brown sugar and eggs together until smooth. Add the olive oil, buttermilk, and vanilla extract, then whisk until fully combined. Stir in the flour mixture using a spatula until just combined. Carefully stir in the boiling water, then fold in the chopped chocolate.
4. Pour the batter into your prepared loaf pan and smooth the top with a spatula or knife.
5. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes, or until you can stick a toothpick in the center and it comes out clean. Let the cake cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then turn it out onto a wire rack to cool completely, or, use your stove grates or an oven rack instead.



Board/Committee	Member	Alternate
Benson Park Committee	0	2
Budget Committee	1	0
Cable Utility Committee	3	0
Conservation Commission	1	1
Municipal Utility Committee	0	1
Planning Board	0	1
Recreation Committee	2	1
Sustainability Committee	3	1
Zoning Board of Adjustment	0	4

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.

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MEETING CALENDAR

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	SATURDAY February 3, 2024 TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION 9:00AM HUDSON COMMUNITY CENTER
 <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Click on any meeting to view the agenda for the specified date.</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Recreation Cmte. 6:30pm</p> <p>8</p>	<p>SATURDAY February 10, 2024 SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE SESSION 9:00AM HUDSON COMMUNITY CENTER</p>
<p>Conservation Comm. 7:00pm</p> <p>19</p>  <p>TOWN HALL CLOSED President's Day</p>	<p>Board of Selectmen 7:00pm</p> <p>20</p> <p>Municipal Utility Cmte. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Planning Board 7:00pm</p> <p>21</p> <p>Library Trustees 7:00pm</p> <p>HEAC 7:00pm</p>	<p>Benson Park Cmte. 7:00pm</p> <p>22</p> <p>Zoning Board 7:00pm</p> <p>23</p>	
<p>Sustainability Cmte. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Board of Selectmen 7:00pm</p>	<p>Planning Board 7:00pm</p>		

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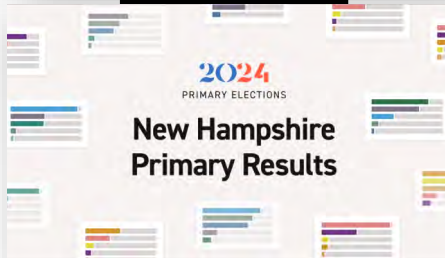
HUDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN SURVEY

The Hudson Police Department values feedback of citizens so we may better serve our community. If you haven't already taken the survey, please take a moment and share your thoughts with us.



DELIBERATIVE SESSION

The Deliberative Session for the Town is this Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00a.m. at the Hudson Community Center. **It's your civic duty to participate to shape Hudson.**



NH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS AND MORE

Results of the January 23, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. Also, all voter information for the up coming meetings and elections.

Board of Selectmen:

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- Bob Guessferd**
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